

Hello,

I would like to share my testimonial on how the Salvation Army has helped me overcome homelessness, and provided many resources I would not have received otherwise.

I came into the vocational program in the middle of September of 2023. I had a job when I came into the program, but it was only temporary, and I did not have a steady place to live. I just completed a rehab program for alcohol addiction and was trying to get my life back on track from ground zero. The Salvation Army has done so much for me, and I am forever grateful for everyone who has played a role in helping me get back on my feet.

The Salvation Army has so many resources that are there if you want them. They offer PET which is Pre Employment Training, and it basically puts you back in motion on what regular workforce is, and the commitment that it requires. I was able to go to training and obtain my OSHA 10 certification, forklift operator certification, CPR certification and my TAM card. I graduated the Planning for Success course they hold on campus which provides job readiness, mock interviews, resume building, and career exploration. This helped me to stay focused, which I was unable to do on my own without structure. I never thought I would ever get these types of certifications, and they helped me every step of the way.

Help is there for those who ask for it and have their mindset to stay focused and complete what they wish to accomplish. Nothing is out of reach when you have faith in GOD and know that its ok to ask for help as long, as you succeed in the long run.

I am now with an employer making more than I ever made at any of my other jobs, \$25.50 per hour as a warehouse/forklift associate. I can't thank the Salvation Army enough. Everything happens for a reason and it's all in GODs plan. I am grateful for my time here and will never forget what the Salvation Army has done for me. I will continue to come back and volunteer after I leave and will always give back. I without a doubt believe they do the most good.

Sincerely,

Joseph O.
Fork-Lift Associate