



Ron's Success Story

Ron has been a member (and now he is a staff member) at Fellowship for 18 years after several years of homelessness. He lives with his wife and their son in an adjacent house owned by Fellowship. Ron is the extremely proud father of his son, who is the equipment manager for the Fellowship Place softball league.

One of Ron's greatest joys is the creation of the Mental Health Awareness Softball League which now has many teams, hosts tournaments, and raises money to send city kids to camp. He says he played ball all his life; he loves teaching and coaching the team.

"We're normal people just going through difficult times. Fellowship has encouraged me, supported me, and even kicked me in the butt when I needed it. I know where I've been and I know where I don't want to go back."



Helen's Story Helen raised her daughter alone, but admits she *"suffered from depression, a constant black mood so bad I didn't leave the couch."* Wanting to be there for her daughter, now 25, compelled her to seek treatment. She's been a member of Fellowship for many years. Because of the support and training she received, she took her first "outside job" in 15 years.

Once too fearful to leave her house, Helen *"got to work daily last year"*. *"The last two years I'm at top form...too busy to sit on the couch."* *"Fellowship Place has done so much for me."*



Ken's Story Ken is a recognized artist whose work is exhibited in a New York City gallery, represented by an agent.

"I started to experiment with art mediums in college... I also started to hear voices and had to come home...completely shattered." Ken's family got him into therapy, but his problems continued. *"When my parents died, Fellowship supported me and I was able to stay out of the hospital."*

Ken has been a member of Fellowship since 1971. *"I owe Fellowship a debt of gratitude; it's done a lot for a lot of people. I've seen people whose lives have been turned around. There is a very rich history of care giving here."*