

## MEET RUDY



Earlier in 2021, a client by the name of Rudy approached the shelter when he suddenly found himself without the supports so many of us take for granted. Rudy came to Canada with his son and worked for a number of years as a professor at a post-secondary. In May his life took a drastic turn and he was without a job, family connections, and a home.

The Bridges staff team use a wrap-around model to support people who come to us for help. We understand that homelessness is more than just being without a roof over the head or a place to sleep. For Rudy, our work meant connecting him to financial supports services so that he had a source of income. We partnered with housing supports to place him on a wait list. And we worked with a local medical team to ensure his primary health care needs were met.

In June, our housing team was able to find Rudy suitable accommodations and for the first time since coming to Canada he was living on his own.

Rudy continued to work with our team in creating a life plan. Through the Specialized Outreach Service (SOS) Rudy found additional support to help with this transition and in September Rudy was offered community housing. He will soon move into more appropriate and affordable housing, living independently in his senior years.