



## TESTIMONIALS ABOUT THE REFUGE LAPEER

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I was living by the railroad tracks. I shared my food from the dumpster with a racoon. I found out about The Refuge and came. I can't express how much The Refuge means to me. I don't think I'd be alive if it hadn't been for them. – Ernest

Thanks to all of you. You made a bad situation not so bad. I appreciate all you did for me. I enjoyed when you all talked to me and played cards with me and just made me feel like I was part of your family. Thanks to all of you so so much. I hope you all have a happy and wonderful life because you deserve it. – Tyler Calcut (Age 9)

Thanks for everything. -Cressman C.

Thank You. I'm writing this in regards to all the volunteers at The Refuge. I want to say thank you for everything that you have done for every last one of us. We were a handful sometimes and you were still there for us no matter what we did or how bad our attitudes and tempers got and that was a lot for some of you, but you were still there for us. If we needed anything, all of you were there to help us get it or find where we could get it and we appreciated that so much. Like when I needed a coat, I got a brand new coat. My nephew, Tyler, got things he needed like a coat and clothes and even toys. When I was going to college i needed rides back to the shelter and i got them from Kendra, Val, and Carla, which you didn't have to do but you still did and I greatly appreciate that. Every one of you were there for every one of us no matter what our situation was and you never judged us on anything that we did or said. You gave us your opinions if we needed them or you just sat there and listened to us if we needed to talk. I

just want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart you were all God sent and i thank him for that too. Thank you very much for all you have done for us. – Sincerely, Michelle Cornelius April 30, 2010

Thank you so much for all you did. Take care. Hope just to see you anywhere but there. – David

Thanks for all you people done for the homeless. It is highly appreciated. Be safe in all you do and God Bless!! -Your Friend, Scott

I would like to say thank you to all of you. Because of all of you I had a place for me and my son to go when we really needed the help. When I first realized I was going to have to stay in The Refuge, I was scared and so upset, but because of all of you it was not as bad as I thought. You all made it feel like I was just staying with family. You all made me and Tyler very comfortable. I love all of you guys. When I get my own place, I will be thinking of all of you and how you helped me get there. Well, I wish ya all the best and again thank you so much for all you did for me and Tyler. – Kimmy Cornelius April 29

This place is amazing the people that run it are the nicest people. I have to say Wade Jenkins is the man: He will help you in any problem you are dealing with. The place is also amazing. They have coffee and snacks to eat and drink. – Donovan Estes

Every one of you were there for every one of us no matter what our situation was, you listened to us if we needed to talk. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart - Michelle

When I came to The Refuge, I had a lot of issues with my health. I talked to the nurses (Health Resource Team), and they gave me a lot of support, helping through a difficult time." - Mike

"I've called everywhere, and I have no place to go. This is my last resort. I'm scared. I've never been homeless before. I have a job, but can't get any help getting into a place", he said to me.

"Try not to worry. We are here to help you as you get things back together. Let me make some phone calls and see what we come up with. In the meantime, you have a warm place to sleep and 3 meals a day." I replied. I'm so glad The Refuge is here to help!

I was overwhelmed by the compassion of the volunteers. I appreciate them all so much. I will not forget what they've done for me. -former guest 2011

The Refuge has been just what the name says: a refuge. Over the last 10 years, I have seen people from all walks of life come in need of refuge. It has been my pleasure to help those people and help show just how much Christ loves them." - Albert

Good news! One of the guys we've been working with has secured permanent housing! He told me today, "this will be such a relief to not have the stress of wondering where I'm going to live." Thank you, God!

Thank you to all the churches. Keep doing what you are doing because it definitely makes a difference in someone's life. It makes a difference just knowing that you have some place warm to lay your head and people to talk to.