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Dear Friend,

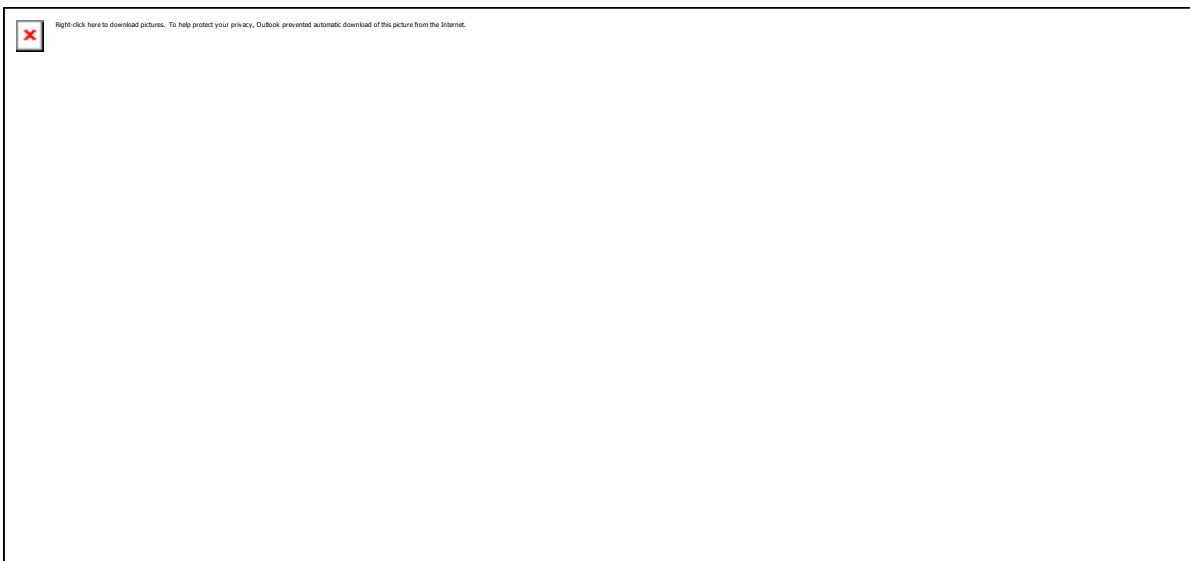
Thank you. Your support has made a difference. That difference is powerfully felt in the following poem. A veteran experiencing homelessness wrote it after being befriended by a Street Chaplain trained by Bridge Leader Greg.

**"Why can't I get the lightening jolt of adrenalin I needed in Iraq,
but now crave on the streets of Fremont?**

**Sometimes I think my homeless life keeps the adrenalin flowing-
the fear of violence,
the scramble for food,
the unpredictable friendships.**

**To be honest with you,
I'm scared, scared of being alone, scared of being with people.
PTSD they call it, as if it is a university, and I the alumni, summa cum laude.**

**I thought I lost the ladder out...
But now I have hope.
I will soon have an apartment.
A stable place of quiet to live, to work, to heal.
Thank God for a new home. "**



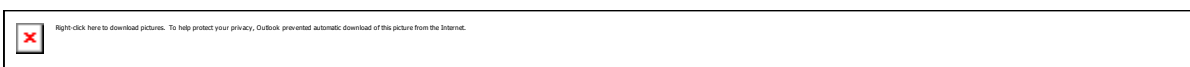
Led by Bridge Leader Greg, these are the chaplains who spend hours and hours with people who are in need of housing and in transitional housing.

Bridge Leader Greg and others held a house warming party when the author of this moving poem did indeed move into his new home.

Thank you for helping Bridge Leaders like Greg build bridges of friendship among those outside of church culture. It's Thanksgiving, and I can't thank you enough.

With thanksgiving,

Jim Milley
Chief Catalyst



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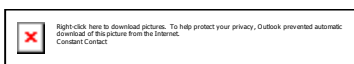
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