



JOHN'S STORY: A HOME

My name is John Dickson and I wanted to tell you my story so you could learn how you helped change my life.

I'd never really had a home; I'd never really stayed in one place for very long. It wasn't anything I was used to from being a kid.

After years of struggling with housing issues, I moved to Kingston and was able to connect with Home Base Housing, a United Way funded agency which works to help transition many like me out of a life of homelessness. They helped me find a home and a community.

It's pretty cool, actually, the way it worked out. When I got a clock and I put the clock on my wall and the clock ticked, for the first time this ticking clock sounded like home.

It's the best home I've ever had.

Homeless people want homes. They don't need housing, they need homes. And homes are places where there is a neighbourhood, where there is a corner store, where there's gardens and old people and kids and dogs and all the rest of it.

As a United Way donor, I know that your support played a part in helping me go from homeless to having a home I can call my own, in a neighbourhood where I feel a sense of belonging, and for that, I thank you.



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All That Kids Can Be	20,852 Clients Served	8 Agencies	17 Programs
Healthy People, Strong Communities	11,152 Clients Served	19 Agencies	31 Programs
From Poverty to Possibility	26,554 Clients Served	14 Agencies	25 Programs
TOTAL	58,558 Clients Served	41 Agencies	73 Programs