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John Doe's Story

John Doe, a client here at AID, has made some remarkable progress in his recovery over the years. Mr. Doe shared some of the dark days and struggles he experienced in the past: "I was picked on and bullied in grade school, and started getting in trouble back then." He said his hopelessness and depression began early in life. At age 14, Mr. Doe's mother died which led to the start of his heavy drug and alcohol abuse. He experienced homelessness and suicidal thoughts for years. He also spent time in jail but he reports that his life turned around for the better about 8 years ago.

Mr. Doe said that in 2005 he began to make some healthy progress in recovery. He was able to obtain Social Security benefits and was able to keep up with child support. At this time, he started to abstain from alcohol and drug abuse and has remained sober for most of the time since then. Doing well, Mr. Doe gradually earned increased his independence in regard to his living arrangements: from homelessness to TLF, a supervised residence, to living in his own apartment over the past two years. Mr. Doe is not only better able to care for himself but he has been helping his brother and sister as well. He attends AID's behavioral health outpatient program regularly and enjoys socially interacting with friends there.

Mr. Doe is able to now say, "I have a reason to live. I am an important person." He added, "The past several years have been a much better time for me. I can hold my head high now."

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