



Staff Retreat: Collaborate & Connect

Last week the Haven Housing team came together for our annual staff retreat. This is always a great time to collaborate with staff from all three of our programs. With stability throughout Haven Housing we are able to build upon our work from year to year.

Story of Accomplishment: Alyssa (Next Step Housing)

Alyssa is a 22-year-old mother with a young son. She was referred to Next Step Housing through her [ACT](#) Team. Alyssa came to us with little family support, a history of domestic violence, and issues maintaining stable housing. Her Next Step Housing case manager helped Alyssa secure an apartment, and assisted her with the security deposit, lease, communications with her landlord, and maintenance issues. Next Step Housing also connected her with [Bridging](#) to help furnish her apartment, with [CEAP](#) for food needs and with [PSOP](#) for parenting support needs.

Alyssa meets bi-monthly with her Next Step Housing case manager and checks in regularly. Together, they have worked on interview skills, household budgeting and potty-training her son. In late 2016, Alyssa achieved her top goal of completing her GED. She is proud to own her own vehicle, which she uses to drop off her son at preschool every morning on her way to work. Alyssa has been stably housed through Next Step Housing for two years and recently signed a lease for her second year in the same apartment.

Next Step Housing has provided Alyssa the housing support and intensive case management she needs to accomplish her goals and maintain a safe and stable environment for her family. She is looking ahead to her next goal of obtaining an Associate's Degree and Next Step Housing will be there every step of the way.

Partner Spotlight: EWI of Minneapolis

Haven Housing is grateful for our ongoing partnership with [Executive Women International](#).

In 2017 they have donated over \$2,250 for youth literacy at St. Anne's Place. The kiddos are loving all of the options they have for reading on their own and with their moms! Thank you, EWI of Minneapolis!



Volunteer Spotlight: Veronica

Meet Veronica! Veronica spent her summer break from college supporting our emergency shelter, St. Anne's Place. During her volunteer shifts, she served meals, assisted staff with office projects, and supported moms through childcare and lending an extra pair of hands during mealtime.

Veronica is back at school, but when asked about her time at St. Anne's Place she said, "Volunteering at St. Anne's Place helped me look at homeless people differently. I now see how hard they are working to make a better future for their families."

If you or your group is interested in supporting the Haven Housing mission through volunteering, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kathy, at kmoe@havenhousing.org.

**"I have a safe place to be here and I'm me."
- Ascension Place resident**



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