



HIGHLIGHTS

Winter 2025

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**Annual
Bingo
Fundraiser
is set for
Oct. 19.**

If you wish to donate to Stephen's Place go to our web-site:
www.stephens-place.org
to make your donation online or by mail;
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Bethlehem, PA 18015.
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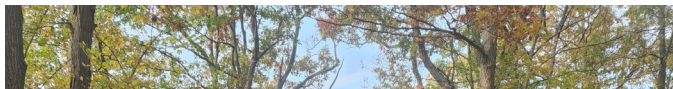
Come join the fun!

Please mark your calendars — our annual bingo fundraiser is scheduled for October 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, located at 3219 Santee Road, Bethlehem. Food will be available for purchase and baskets aplenty to be raffled off. Join us for some fun and help support Stephen's Place as we continue to carry out our mission of helping men change their lives.



Men's Sponsorship Retreat 2024

Normally our Men's Sponsorship Retreat is held in Hamburg, Pa., which is a 40-minute ride from Bethlehem. However, this year it was held in Farmington, Pa., a town north of Pittsburgh. The ride was much longer, but well worth the trip. It was approximately four and a half hours on the road.



Michael D., Josh C., Kevin S., Sherman



The topic this year was **Points of Freedom:** Compassion, Integrity, Generosity, and Kindness. The campground was beautiful, the food was good, and the speakers did a great job conveying the message. What more can you ask for in a retreat!!! We had a great time and look forward to going back next year.

Thanksgiving 2024

Thanksgiving dinner at Stephen's Place was held on November 21st, 2024. Bringing together former graduates and current residents for a joyful dinner, fostering a sense of community and sharing experiences related to our program. As you can see from the picture, a good time was had by all.



Pictured clockwise from left:

Leslie S., Josh C., Joe I., Duane G.,
Marcos V., Kevin S., Michael D. & Joe P.

We would like to thank and acknowledge:

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Christmas 2024

It was a merry Christmas at the Stephen's Place Annual Christmas Party, which we held on December 19th, 2024. Our home was filled with lots of joy and laughter for the holiday season. In attendance were our residents and their children along with some of our former graduates who brought their children and wives. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance to hand out gifts to the children. The evening was festive and full of holiday cheer.



Our Angel Tree Decorated by Sherman



Kevin S. preparing our Christmas tree

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website (www.stephens-place.org) for more information regarding upcoming events.



Congratulations to our. . .

First Phase Program Graduates

Marcos V.'s story:

Marcos and Sherman



I received a call from Northampton County Drug & Alcohol Department informing me that they had recommended Stephen's Place to a gentleman who was in need of a place to stay. Shortly after the call had ended, there was a knock at the door and there stood this gentleman stating that he needed a home and was referred to us, so I brought him in for an interview. It turned out that I accepted this gentleman on the spot because he showed a strong willingness and desire to change. My perception of him was not wrong. Marcos has been a great asset to Stephen's Place. He is mature, firmly established in his recovery, and possesses commendable culinary skills. It took him a while to find dayshift employment because he works in the food service field, but eventually he did, and he seems happy doing it. Marcos sets healthy boundaries and eagerly helps those in need. He has shown himself to be dependable and accountable for his actions. That is what we strive to teach our residents, and Marcos has grown in those areas.

Special Note

Please help us as we move towards the world of digital correspondence by providing us with your email address. These efforts will help us reduce our costs of communicating with those who support us and help reduce the amount of mailings that you receive. To let us know if you want to receive correspondence by mail or by email notify Sherman at, Sherman@stephens-place.org. Once we receive your email address we will remove your address from our mailing list.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission of helping men restore their lives!

Josh C.'s story:



Josh and Sherman

When Josh arrived at Stephen's Place, he was a little reluctant to stay. In his mind he believed that he could leave at any time. In fact he did leave for a couple of weeks. But as part of the Northampton County Recovery Court, he did not have that option. He was specifically told by his parole officer that he must at least complete our 90-day program. So, he came back kicking and screaming. Josh slowly began to adapt to this new way of life, and he also began to apply himself to the requirements that are asked of him when you become a resident of Stephen's Place. He attended 12-step meetings as well as our in-house meetings. He started to disclose more personal information in our group discussions and adapted to our family-oriented living model by actively participating in various activities. He found that Stephen's Place wasn't so bad after all. Josh did complete our 90-day First Phase Program and soon after moved out, with permission from his parole officer.

He moved in with his girlfriend and son Reagan. He has acquired gainful employment and has since come back to Stephen's Place for some of our events involving former graduates.

Kevin S's Story:

Kevin came to Stephen's Place on July 22, 2024, and he is a current resident today. He has been an asset to our home ever since his arrival. Kevin has shown himself to be a man determined to make positive changes in his life. He has been faced with many obstacles on his journey to recovery and he seems to be able to overcome them one obstacle at a time. Kevin works full-time at Human Active Technologies (HAT), participates actively in recovery court, and is nearing graduation. He has graduated from our 90-day First Phase Program, attends 12-step meetings, and has completed aftercare. He is currently working on restoring his driving privileges with PennDOT. On top of all of that, Kevin is a good helper around the house. This year he wants to be responsible for growing our vegetable garden. He says he has a green thumb. With all the things that Kevin has accomplished, I don't doubt that he would be good at gardening.



Sherman and Kevin



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Stephen's Place Mission Statement

Stephen's Place believes that men coming out of prison should have a safe, spiritual environment in order to address early recovery issues from substance abuse, as well as develop personal life skills. Therefore, Stephen's Place provides a half-way house to help these men transition back into the community as productive citizens.



All donations are tax deductible.

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our Board of Directors. Their
support and input, empowers
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