# A Second Chance at Life

When Joe (name changed to protect his privacy) arrived at SAWC's Recuperative Care program following hernia repair surgery, he was navigating several challenges. Newly in recovery from substance use, Joe had no income or benefits and faced an uncertain path forward.

During his time in the program, Joe was able to focus on healing, address additional medical needs, and undergo a second surgery. With support from the Recuperative Care team, he also secured a housing voucher and moved into his own home shortly after leaving the program.

Today, Joe is working, living independently, and celebrating 17 months in recovery. Over the holidays, he reached out to share his gratitude:
"I feel like I really got a second chance at life, and I feel that was because of you guys. I'm now in my own place, I'm working, and I have 17 months clean. I am very thankful, and I love you guys. God bless you!"

Joe's story is a reminder of what can happen when someone has the time, care, and support they need to heal and rebuild. Recuperative Care is about more than recovery from surgery; it's about helping people find a path toward a healthier, more stable future.