AHH ARTISTS HELPING THE HOMELESS ANNUAL APPEAL

A Ride. A Roof. A Real Chance.

Sometimes the greatest measure of success isn't a new job or a place to live. It's the opportunity to rebuild relationships with the people who matter most.

For Duane, that meant regaining visitation and partial custody of his children. By doing the next right thing, one day at a time, he began changing his own life. Today, those efforts mean something even greater, the opportunity to be present for the most important people in his life, his family.

At Artists Helping the Homeless, we understand that every person's circumstances, challenges, and goals are different. Our work goes beyond providing transportation, housing, and basic necessities. It's about helping individuals rebuild their lives, restore relationships, and discover what's possible.

As 2026 comes to a close, your generosity helps us continue building happy endings to stories like Duane's. Every gift helps provide the individualized support, encouragement, and opportunities that make lasting change possible.

Person by person, one at a time, we are making a difference. Please consider making a year-end gift to Artists Helping the Homeless and becoming part of someone's next chapter.

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ARTISTS HELPING THE HOMELESS NEWSLETTER

KAR WOO HONORED BY KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION



Artists Helping the Homeless is proud to celebrate Kar Woo, Founder and Program Director of AHH, for being named one of six finalists for the inaugural Kauffman Uncommon Leader Visionary Award.

Selected from more than 120 submissions, Kar's place among the final six reflects what so many in our community already know, he has changed lives by seeing gaps in the safety net and building practical, compassionate solutions to fill them.

What began with Sunday meals in the park has grown into transportation, respite housing, reentry support, peer mentorship, recovery support, and long-term relationship-based care. We are grateful to see Kar's vision recognized at this level and proud to continue the work he began.

Fresh Eyes . Lasting Change

A Second Chance: Elisha's Journey to Stability



For Elisha, 31, the road from incarceration and homelessness to stability has not been easy. Through Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH), he has found the housing, support, and encouragement needed to rebuild his life.

After experiencing homelessness and multiple incarcerations, Elisha entered AHH's Kairos House in Lawrence. Staff helped him obtain identification documents, find employment, enroll in personal training courses, and access transportation to court appearances, drug testing, and work.

Elisha's journey has included setbacks. After initially finding sobriety and employment, he left the program believing he was ready for independence. After six months, he lost his housing, job, and sobriety. When he reached out again, AHH founder Kar Woo, welcomed him back.

Today, Elisha participates in Douglas County's Drug Court Treatment program and is preparing to transition into Meraki House, AHH's next step in supportive housing. Surrounded by peers who understand his experiences, he continues building accountability, confidence, and independence.

"AHH is amazing. It's like a family," Elisha shared. His story demonstrates the importance of second chances and consistent support. Recovery and stability rarely follow a straight path, but with compassion, opportunity, and community, lasting change is possible.

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