



Part Five

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Welcome to Will's Serial, Part Five. It's the last installment about a MoveFwd client, Will (not his real name). Today is Minnesota's **Give to the Max Day** and we hope his story inspires you to donate to MoveFwd and help homeless young people like him. (If you missed Parts One-Four of Will's Serial, you can find ["Wait...even the towel?"](#) ["Shh...he's sleeping."](#) ["I want to make sure there's enough for the other kids."](#) and ["Waiting is hard, but I'm hopeful"](#) [here](#).

Will and a MoveFwd Case Manager found an affordable apartment in a safe neighborhood close to his job. Our staff introduced the landlord to Will and our Housing Program. With an inspired case manager at his side, Will was able to convince the property owner that it was a safe bet to count on him. MoveFwd would start him out by paying his rent. He would gradually pay more of his share until assuming responsibility for its entirety after 18 months.

Moving day! It was a big day for Will and our staff. We were inspired by him and had been counting down the days right along with him. He would – for the first night in a long time - have a roof over his head when he slept.

Will had been living in his car. Everything he owned was in it. In the week leading up to the big day, our staff and volunteers had sprung into action. A volunteer was able to find a used bed and a sofa. We used a donated Target gift card to buy him a microwave and bedding. A few kitchen utensils and some odd pieces of silverware went in the drawers; a plate, a cup and a bowl went in the cupboard. Our staff added homey touches, including some nice soap by his sink and a kitchen towel. They put homemade frozen meals (cooked by MoveFwd staff and current Housing Program clients) in his freezer and a carton of milk in the fridge.

When he walked in the door of his first apartment, Will heard, "Welcome home!" from the volunteer who provided his pick-up for the move and his MoveFwd case manager. He dropped his duffle bag on the floor, stood still and stared in awe. **"I'm so lucky to have an address."** Our counselors and case managers knew at least some of what he's been through and didn't think most people would call him "lucky," but they loved being part of helping him find his first home since he had become homeless. Our Housing Program helped him attain a goal most of us take for granted.

Will is just one of the more than 300 young people MoveFwd serves every year. They all have a story that would both break your heart and inspire you to help. In spite of the generosity of donors like you and the understanding support of our state legislators, we have waiting lists for both counseling and housing for homeless young people. Larger donations mean we can help more kids in crisis. Please visit our website movefwdmn.org to learn more.

Thanks for following Will's serial. MoveFwd provides the most integrated set of services in our area. We provide free counseling and case management to teens and young adults up to their 25th birthday. We reach out to homeless young people through our Drop-in Center and our satellite drop-in hours at the Plymouth and Eden Prairie Hennepin County Libraries. Our Housing Program provides a unique way to coach early independence for homeless young people over age 18. On this Give to the Max Day, we hope you will help the young people in your community with a [donation](#) to MoveFwd.



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