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# New Beginnings

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## We grow—in faith

In January the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction said they wanted to help what they called “hard-to-place” men. Those who had no place to go, those rejected by every program in the state. Over the next six months we bought two houses, hired several new staff and applied to be part of this new program. In August we welcomed our first “Community Transitional Housing Program” residents.

### **Don**

Our initial thought when we started this program was are these “hard-to-place” men more dangerous? And especially, would Kathy be safe working with them?

But Don is typical of these men. Limited education, limited physical ability, unable to work, no family help, nowhere to go.

He was Kathy’s first case in her new position as GSH Social Worker. After countless hours standing in line at the JFS office and Social



Security office, too many calls to Columbus and Washington and everywhere in between, Don now has his state ID, Social Security income started, food stamps, a bank account—and hope.

“Without her help I would be back in prison. I feel so much better about myself,” he said.

### **More need**

We contracted to take 13 men with this new program. But we are the only CTHP house in the whole southwestern part of Ohio, and we soon filled all our beds—and more.

We currently have 14 “hard-to-place” residents with four more scheduled to come by January. Fortunately, we anticipated this might happen and we have extra room—for now!

Kathy has never been busier—and happier!



