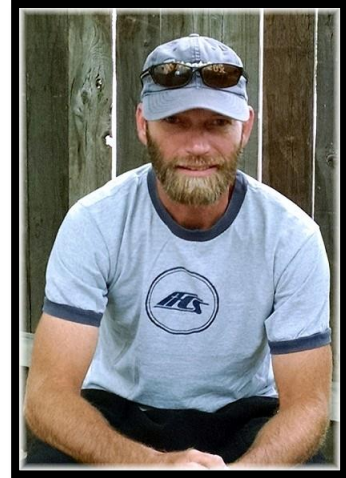


Jay Jackson, Summer 2015

Jay Jackson has always worked at demanding, physical jobs. He's been at sea on Alaskan fishing boats. He became a skilled union carpenter on the east coast. Like so many, Jay got laid off in the '08 bust. After some time back at sea as a deckhand, he heard about Bend and its construction comeback. Jay was hopeful in finding work, but ran into Bend's rental shortage. A man low on money can't last long in a three-hundred-plus-a-week motel.



A resourceful fellow, Jay googled “shelter” and made his way to Bethlehem Inn. He says he found way more than shelter. He was connected with an employment service where his long list of skills and a clean record got him work right away. Jay says Bethlehem Inn gave him “breathing space”: a safe, secure place to stay and an always-ready-to-help staff. And landing a good job meant he could start saving money and keep searching for a place of his own.

Like so many folks who suddenly find themselves homeless, Jay has a long history of steady hard work. Thanks to Bethlehem Inn and his own initiative, Jay did find a place to live, became a construction foreman, and has the tools he needs to build not only new homes and businesses, but a new chapter in his life.