

Kellie – Spring 2019

Kellie Keigley had a grown son, a job, a driver's license and a cat. And she had booze and meth. She found her way from Arizona to Bend and her sister...and a DUI. She lost her license and headed into rehab. A caring employer kept her job for her while she was away. But she was homeless and the rehab staff suggested Bethlehem Inn. Kellie recalls, "I didn't consider myself homeless...but I was."



The Inn welcomed her and, in Kellie's words, "...never made me feel homeless." She credits the Inn's rules with helping her stay clean and sober. As for the staff, "They're awesome. I have nothing but great things to say about them." They pointed her to a path toward housing and health insurance. The Inn was there to help with food, clothing and bus passes. About the staff, Kellie says, "They were always available," says Kellie. "You could talk with them about anything."

Now Kellie's been clean and sober for well over a year. She's in transitional housing as she awaits her own studio apartment. A place of her own will mean a reunion with her beloved cat Sir Walter who's staying with her sister. Kellie will get her license back, making getting to and from work easier. And her son Patrick? He's thrilled his mom will help him celebrate at his wedding early next year. And to think...all this started when a caring person suggested, "Why don't you call Bethlehem Inn?"