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Dear Friends of Unity Acres,

It was a cold December day like any other -- with the exception of my being a homeless alcoholic. Unbeknownst to me the Lord was watching over me and he took me from my captivity. A relative had told me about a place in the north country for homeless men. At first I was hesitant to make a phone call but I gave in and did. I was directed to a wonderful woman by the name of Peg McCarthy and I told her that I did not have a way to get there. After about an hour Peg called me back at my sister's house and said that she would come and pick me up and bring me to Unity Acres. That was the day that my life had taken a turn for the good. It was at that time that I finally realized that the Lord has many ways of taking care of his flock. When I arrived at Unity Acres I was treated with the utmost respect and dignity. It was the first day of my new life in Jesus. I immediately began to attend A.A. meetings twice a week and fervently praying to the Lord to change me and mold me in his likeness. I have never been more at peace. I am now a full time volunteer here at Unity Acres and I would like to take this time to thank everyone who works at U.A. and to the board of directors for having trust and faith in me -- I would surely have never known of the great love God has for me. If it had not been for Father McVey's loving kindness in establishing Unity Acres as a place for men like me to come and have another chance at life, I am sure that my life would have continued taking a downward spiral toward the bottom -- for now I am doing all in God's name and for his purpose.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bill Bogart

## November Prayer

"Jesus said, ... 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. All who believe in me, will live, even if they die; and whoever lives and believes in me, will never die.'" -Jn 11:25-26

*Note: In our Church tradition, November is dedicated to the "souls of the faithful departed." It is based on the hope of eternal life won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus. Accordingly, we at Unity Acres dedicate this month to all, called from this life, who have in any way shared in the life and love, service and hospitality of Unity Acres. We remember in a special way all of them at the altar, at our Masses here at Sacred Heart Chapel. Fr. McVey and Kate Stanton, all volunteers, all the men who resided here, and the countless generous helpers and supporters -- may they rest in peace and enjoy eternal life.*

"O God, you have always been our home. Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternally God and will be forever. A thousand years to you are like one day, like a short hour in the night... Teach us to number our days aright, and fill us with your wisdom... Lord, may your blessings be upon us. - Psalm 90 May all your people gone before us, through your mercy, rest in peace."

Father Robert S Jones

*"A worthy wife's value is far beyond pearls" -- Proverbs 31:10*

This past week-end, our chapel was standing room only as we celebrated the life of a lovely lady, Kathleen C. Wheeler. Kay was a beautician and for several years came to the Acres once a week to volunteer her barbering skills. Along with hair cuts, Kay's presence meant a pleasant visit to our men. They looked forward to her coming every week. After her beloved husband William died in 1991, Kay wanted to give of her time in community service and made weekly visits to the Acres until her eyesight and finally her health failed. Kay passed away on November 6. Her Memorial Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 13, by our Father Jones: an inspiration to us as her beautiful family gathered to honor their mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, neighbor and friend. Our condolences go out to Kay's family. We loved her and miss her.