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***Your job is not to judge. Your job is not to figure out if someone deserves something. Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore the broken, and to heal the hurting. Anonymous***

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Dear Barbara,

A dream comes true this holiday season. When Jim died, a vision rose: **James' Place**. Light poured from an open door; people gathered inside. What to do with this unbidden image? Time would pass before our path forward became clear...

- Education was needed at all levels of society
- Resources were needed to save lives for the many who suffer the disease of addiction.

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And, so we began. From Shattering the Stigma® through education to raising funds to help those in need, James' Place Inc. finally had purpose and direction.

***This season your gifts are making a difference!***

**James' Place Inc.**

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- Marc was homeless struggling with his disease. Battling back through shelters and recovery communities, he worked six months to earn a bed in a sober house. Then a health crisis threatened it all. Unable to work for two months, inability to pay his rent meant a return to a homeless shelter to recover from major surgery. A scholarship is allowing Marc to remain in his sober home during his recovery. He will heal faster while maintaining his sobriety.
- Drew's education was derailed when he discovered prescription medication. Sober over a year, he is ready to go back to school. A scholarship is making it possible to pick up where he left off.
- Suzie has eighteen months sober. A scholarship is allowing Suzie to stay in recovery and live independently while rebuilding trust with her family.
- A rural treatment program launches an extracurricular program in the winter of 2015 thanks to a grant. Meditation, yoga, and outdoor sports will breathe life into a more balanced program.

- An inner city treatment program focuses on homeless veterans suffering from the disease of addiction. A grant is providing residents food, winter outer wear, and toiletries.

***These answered prayers would not be possible without the support you've shown to James' Place.***

### **And, the Blessings Continue....**

Here's what else your support is doing - it isn't only about the person who suffers this disease:

- Tim lived on the streets of Baltimore for eleven years before getting sober. Today he runs two sober houses, owns his own business and is in perpetual motion helping others. ***His biggest challenge:*** having enough money to keep the doors open and beds full so he can sleep at night.
- Wanda worked diligently to help her daughter find sobriety and hope for years. When that came to fruition, she opened a transitional home for young women. ***Her biggest challenge:*** having enough money to keep the house in good repair and help the women with a myriad of needs men don't typically need - child care expenses, transportation, equal paying jobs.
- Vickie runs an inner city intensive outpatient program which dispenses approved medications. ***Her biggest challenge:*** funding from governmental agencies severely restricts her options to providing lifesaving medications, and day to day needs such as blankets, coats, and toiletries.

These selfless people are not seeking support for themselves; they are dedicated to providing the day to day hope needed for recovery. This is where the rubber meets the road on the journey of recovery.

We've been blessed to meet many amazing, selfless men and women doing this work. Through them, the often faceless who struggle have names, stories and dreams of their own.

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Can Marc, Suzie, Drew and so many others count on you this holiday season?

Donations can be sent to our address below or click the [donate button](#) in this letter. Your check or online donation of any amount is a blessing for which so many are grateful.

On behalf of all who need hope, we thank you.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a warm and precious holiday season.

In gratitude,

***James' Place Board of Directors and Staff***

Bob, Jack, Jan, Jen, Ria, Rich, Ron, Tom and Barb

**James' Place Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

***We did not hesitate to call our movement an army.  
But it was a special army, with no supplies  
but its sincerity, no uniform but its determination,  
no arsenal except its faith, no currency but its conscience.  
Martin Luther King Jr.***

**Blessings of Peace**



**In honor and memory of all who left us too soon  
with prayers of hope and dignity for those in  
recovery!**

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