

Gene worked for a rubbish removal business for 15 years until the owner passed away. Gene was suddenly unemployed and became homeless. For eight years, Gene lived in an abandoned building with no electricity, gas or running water. The winters were brutal, and in December 2020, his feet turned black from frostbite. A friend took him to the Veterans Administration Medical Center, where they amputated six of his toes. After his surgery, Gene had no place to recover, so the VA referred him to The Boulevard.

"God gave me the direction to get here," Gene said. "I came here after my surgery, and nurse Dorothy changed my bandages every three days. They took me back to the hospital to get my stitches out and for all my follow-up appointments."

At The Boulevard, Gene received support through an array of holistic programs and services. With the help of The Boulevard staff and PCC nurses and doctors, Gene recovered from his surgery, improved his health and regained stability.

"The Boulevard is good for anyone who wants to accept help," Gene said. "This place helps you to get back on your feet. I went to group classes and learned how to budget. I learned how to be disciplined."

Gene's case manager and housing advocates at The Boulevard helped him access all the necessary documents required to move into stable housing. Eventually, Gene was able to secure a one-bedroom apartment in Englewood, his old neighborhood. Gene is now on a positive path toward restoring his health and rebuilding his life.

**Gene**

Lloyd enjoyed the job he had for 37 years. But when he developed an addiction to alcohol, he lost not only his job, but also his home and relationships. After being hospitalized for an emergency medical procedure, Lloyd was referred to The Boulevard to recuperate.

"Through the grace of God, I wound up at The Boulevard," Lloyd said. "It was a blessing. I didn't have anywhere else to go. I didn't have insurance. I didn't have anything."

At The Boulevard, Lloyd received specialized medical care from the team of doctors and nurses at PCC's onsite clinic. Through The Boulevard's Behavioral Health program, he got one-on-one counseling from Substance Abuse Counselor Thaddeus Williams to address his addiction. Lloyd worked with Angela Daniels, Workforce Development Case Manager, to find stable employment. With help from Housing Advocate Kenyiel Sharp, Lloyd is looking for permanent supportive housing.

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"I'm working toward getting an apartment to show my kids," Lloyd said. "I have two children, seven grandchildren and one on the way. My kids are proud of me. They know my final goal is to get and maintain housing."