

# R . J . M o n t g o m e r y New Hope Center

Kenneth Brown III entered The Salvation Army New Hope Center on January 19, 2009 after spending many years on the streets of Colorado Springs. Case Manager Jan Harris has known Kenneth since the 1990's and his years of substance abuse.

Today Kenneth wears a patch over his left eye and Ken is not ashamed to tell anyone how he lost his eye. He was drinking and someone threw a bottle at him and as a result he lost his eye due to alcohol.



During Ken's stay at the New Hope Center he was engaged with several agencies. Ken was diagnosed with Bipolar, anxiety, and Paranoid Schizophrenia. His mental illness combined with his substance abuse issues caused Ken to be hospitalized on at least one occasion for suicide issues but with the help of Penrose Hospital and Peak Vista Homeless Clinic, his medications were adjusted and today he sleeps much better and takes medications for his mental illness. Ken also just celebrated four months of sobriety from alcohol and illegal drugs. He feels safer today attending as many 12-Step meetings at he can, talking to his sponsor, working his 12-steps and fostering the relationship that he has with his brother, sister, and his father, the relationships that were destroyed during the years of his substance abuse.

Kenneth signed out of the New Hope Center on May 11th and is living with his brother until housing for him is approved, which should come any day. Kenneth is indeed grateful to the Salvation Army for their generosity and "giving him a hand up."

Tom Gerritsen  
Case Manager  
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