I recently had a client who was always anxious and pessimistic about his situation. He had been living on the streets for decades and didn't trust that anyone could help him. Once you're homeless for a while, it's also a mindset - how you look at your life, how you interact with the world, and what you think is possible.

It took some time, but after many conversations and shared stories, we began to build a positive relationship. He started to trust that we were on his side. Homelessness isn't just whether you have a roof over your head; it's also a mindset - how you look at your life, how you interact with the world, and what you think is possible.

It's possible to move from the streets to a home of your own. In the CUCS Street Homeless to Permanent Supportive Housing Program, we've helped many people transition to permanent supportive housing. Our mission is to help our clients move from the streets to a permanent home.

CUCS supports people experiencing homelessness with housing, health, and wellness care. We are inspired every day by the courage and resilience of our clients as they overcome challenges and achieve success.

We hope the stories we have shared with you have inspired you to take action. Every journey towards a permanent home is unique, and with your support, we can continue to help people move from the streets to a permanent home.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about CUCS, please feel free to contact us. To see more stories from CUCS clients, visit our website. Together, we can Igniting Hope: Making a Difference for All New Yorkers.
Staff Quotes
Various issues

“CUCS gives individuals a new start at life no matter what their background is - a real second chance at starting over. CUCS staff never gives up in the face of challenges, we work to overcome them and seek opportunities that can positively affect the lives of clients. In short, CUCS brings hope of new possibilities.”

Erica Strang
CUCS Director, Manhattan Outreach Consortium

“In my experience providing health care to people who are on the street and struggling to meet their basic needs, CUCS/Janian makes a difference because we’re able to really meet patients where they are. We are able to be flexible to help them overcome both external and internal barriers to care, like lapses in insurance, access to medication storage, rigid appointment times, and difficulty communicating priorities in order to provide often life-saving interventions.”

Bonnie Coover, FNP
Medical Director for CUCS/Janian Street Medicine

Thank you for reading the CUCS Report. Our goal is to make sure New Yorkers are well-informed as we continue our work to help people rise from poverty, exit homelessness, and be healthy.

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