Project Roomkey

In coordination with local leaders from the City of Glendale, Glendale Fire Department, Glendale Police Department, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Ascencia's Outreach Team and Community Services & Parks coordinated the move of 15 vulnerable individuals into their new temporary homes at the Vagabond Inn in Glendale to limit the spread of COVID-19 and address the needs of homeless individuals in our community. Read the stories of three of our clients below.

Jerome

Jerome fell into homelessness in 2018 after losing his decade-long job as a House Manager for a religious home. Since then, his living arrangements have been a mix of his car, motel rooms, and the streets. He was relying on faith to keep him safe during this pandemic when Ascencia met him at Glendale's Adult Recreation Center and placed him in one of LAHSA's COVID-19 response motel rooms. He is grateful to Ascencia and, with a smile under his mask, is looking forward to staying safe, healthy, and seeing better days.

David

David is a victim of domestic abuse and was suffering from PTSD when he lost his job in 2018. Soon after, David was evicted from his home and found himself couch surfing different friends' homes. After receiving help from the LGBTQ Center for domestic abuse, David was connected to Ascencia. Through Project Roomkey, Ascencia was able to organize shelter for David instantly. Grateful, he can now focus on staying safe and receiving critical mental health support and housing services to restart his life.

Frances

Frances is thrilled to be receiving temporary housing after days of living in her car. She couldn't sustain her lifestyle when she suffered a work-related injury last year and was forced to leave her decade-long career as a Home Care Specialist. Soon after, she connected with Ascencia through the Spar Heights Community Center in Glendale. Feeling a weight lifted off her shoulders, she is grateful that Ascencia was able to place her in Project Roomkey. Frances is excited to be safely housed and can now begin the work to be permanently housed.