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Meet Some of the People You've Helped



Anna, 82, lived alone after her husband of 58 years passed away. One morning, Anna woke up lying on the floor, after she had fallen the night before, and couldn't get up. As a recipient of **Berks Encore's Meals on Wheels**, a United Way of Berks County funded program, Anna clung to the hope that her Meals on Wheels volunteer would be arriving shortly. When she heard a knock on the door she cried, "I need help." Hearing Anna's cries the volunteers called 911. It scares Anna to think of what would have happened if she had been really hurt, but she is thankful for Meals on Wheels and their volunteers for their help.

Rafael is a veteran who reached out to United Agency Partner **Catholic Charities**. Rafael was in need of rental assistance because he had fallen behind on rent due to COVID-19. As the sole care taker for his adult son, who had suffered a stroke, he wanted to ensure the two of them had a roof over their heads. Catholic Charities assisted in paying Rafael's rent for January 2021. This allowed him to start the year in a successful financial situation. Case management services were provided and connections to additional services were also provided to assist with medical needs.



Raymond has a very small income and frequently faces many financial emergencies with his car and his home. Raymond depends on the **Jewish Family Services**, a United Way Agency Partner, food pantry to supplement his food supplies. Although Raymond does not have many resources, he is committed to helping others and has become a regular volunteer at the food pantry.

When senior citizen **Kelly** arrived at **Safe Berks**, a United Way of Berks County Agency Partner, she was experiencing significant trauma due to domestic violence from a family member. While residing at Safe Berks, Kelly participated in various supportive services. As Kelly continued to succeed in the program, she began searching for affordable housing, but the task proved to be very difficult. Kelly was eventually able to secure permanent housing in an affordable independent senior living facility thanks to the help of her Case Manager. Safe Berks, was also able to provide Kelly with a bed and a few household supplies for her new apartment.

Raymond and his family relocated to Berks County after they lost their home and found themselves homeless. With a degree in computer science, Raymond had to start over. Raymond noticed his mother's house was nicer than most he had seen and learned his mother had purchased her home through **Habitat for Humanity**, a United Way of Berks County Agency Partner. Raymond applied, was accepted and completed his sweat equity hours which included homeowner education. His family has earned their new beginning and they appreciate the fact that the home is within walking distance to their school and the Olivet Boys and Girls club.

