

NAME:
Kevin Franklin

RESIDENCE:
Belton Woods
Apartments
Anderson, SC
200 Apartments

AFFORDABILITY:
- Section 8
- Low-Income Housing
Tax Credit (Income
Restricted)

*Last updated in 2018

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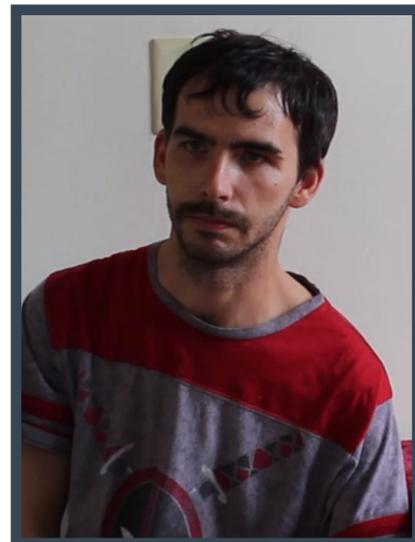
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"My daughter -- she's my everything. I want to be the best influence I can be."

In 2016, Kevin Franklin was in a dangerous motorcycle accident from which he sustained numerous life-threatening injuries.

"The doctor said, 'You won't be able to walk again,'" Kevin shared. "That motivated me more than anything."



Despite his strong determination to make a full recovery, the road back was not an easy one. Two days after being released from the hospital, he suffered a stroke caused by a blood clot in his brain.

Kevin ultimately spent a total of four weeks in the hospital and another six in rehabilitation. When he had finally gained his strength back and left the hospital for the final time, he faced another challenging journey – to gain custody of his 3-year-old daughter, Ariel.

He moved to Alabama where his daughter was living at the time, and after six months of legal battle was ultimately granted full custody of Ariel. It was then that a family friend told him about Belton Woods, back in his home of South Carolina.

In early 2017, Kevin moved back to South Carolina and now lives at Belton Woods with his daughter. Today, Kevin explains how his entire life revolves around taking care of his daughter and their home. When asked what his hopes and dreams are for Ariel, he shares: "To be president one day. I'll work as hard as I can to get her there."

Kevin also shares that Ariel has many friends at Belton and loves playing with them. He and his daughter also enjoy attending church and praying.

"Every time she eats I let her pray. Every time we go to sleep, she prays. If I'm sick or hurt, she'll want to pray..."

Kevin's own personal dream is to one day go back to school and become a preacher. Without Belton Woods, he confesses it wouldn't be possible. That's why to Kevin, affordable housing helps "provide people who are unable to work.... and their children...with homes."

"I believe it is always necessary to help one another...And we all don't have it as good as everybody else... we hit the bottom. Sometimes we need to be picked back up. And we're all our brother's keeper."