

NAME:
Kenneth Beatenbough

RESIDENCE:
Phoenix House
Apartments
Atlanta, GA
69 Homes

RESIDENT SINCE:
2014

AFFORDABILITY:
- HUD Shelter Plus Care
Project-Based Rental
Assistance
- 60% AMI Income-
Restricted, Low-Income
Housing Tax Credits

*Last updated in 2019

VOICES OUT LOUD

Kenneth



I was an addict... I didn't care about anything else.

Kenneth Beatenbough is from Riverdale, Georgia. For about ten years, he struggled on and off with addiction. He still remembers that period in his life from time to time

but says it's hard to think about. Through his commitment to overcoming his addiction, Kenneth found his way to Phoenix House in 2014, a supportive services affordable community. He's been clean ever since.

Kenneth speaks highly of his time at Phoenix House and the impact it has had on his life. He shares that the staff allowed him time to truly recover. Phoenix House enables each resident to live independently, while community staff provide several supportive services -- residents are, for the most part, on their own. Kenneth says the group meetings with fellow residents provided him a chance to talk about his past, but also truly listen to the stories and hardships of others in the community. While at Phoenix House, Kenneth was also diagnosed with bipolar disorder and diabetes, for which he is now getting the proper medical treatment.

Kenneth's parents live nearby in a mobile home community, but Kenneth always finds it hard to make time to see them now, especially as they have gotten older and are not as mobile. He shares that he knows they are proud of him for making such an incredible transformation on his life, but Kenneth still believes its important for him to take it day by day. With support from the staff at Phoenix House, Kenneth feels confident in his independence and ready to take on what's next in store for him.

I like it better up here [at Phoenix House], I'm really blessed now... they gave me a place to live and a roof.