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Yes, I want to help Pine Street move people into housing – especially those who are sick and on the streets or in shelters.

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Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sample
Business
123 Main Street
Boston, MA 01234-5678



Pine Street Inn
Ending Homelessness

November 8 or 22, 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Sample
Business
123 Main St
Boston, MA 02118
[barcode]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sample,

Home. When you're sick, that's where you want to be, safe and warm, in your own bed. But what if you don't have a home or a bed?

And when you're sick, chances are you can call on a loved one or neighbor to pick up a prescription or a few things at the grocery store. But what if you don't have a support system to help you?

This is what homeless men and women face, as they manage everything from everyday and chronic conditions to life-threatening illnesses while living on the streets or in shelters.

But thanks to friends like you, those who are homeless and in need in Boston have Pine Street Inn.

Pine Street Outreach workers canvass the street by foot and by van daily, delivering not only food and blankets, but also connecting homeless guests with the resources they need to regain their health. Sometimes it's a matter of survival.

That was the case for Kenny. A 59-year-old former autoworker, Kenny had been laid off twice. He ended up homeless, living in a tent in a park. "I bought a sleeping bag and a green tent so that I could blend into the woods. But a tent doesn't keep you warm," he recalls.

Kenny's health deteriorated. Then one terrible day, he had a heart attack.

"The doctor told me I had to get my health in shape," says Kenny. "If I wanted to live, I had to make a change. When I heard about Pine Street Inn, I knew it was time to come in out of

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*saves \$9,400 per person annually
in health care and public safety costs.*

to housing...



Moving from the streets...

the cold. Having to go to a shelter was embarrassing, but you do what you have to do.”

Once at Pine Street, Kenny discovered some things he liked. “It was nice to have a meal and a shower every day,” he says. “Since my health was bad, I was able to stay indoors during the day, instead of being on the streets.”

Another comfort and support to Kenny was his case manager, Mike. As Kenny recalls, “Mike made me feel like I could change my life for the better. From that point on, there was no turning back.” With Mike’s help, Kenny developed a plan to pull his life together. He found housing and set some basic goals: stay in housing, eat right and take care of his health.

This holiday season, Kenny is grateful that he’s in a place of his own. “Pine Street helped me so much,” he says. And he’s working hard to keep on the path he’s set, although that path will likely include dialysis in the near future. Still, Kenny looks on the bright side. “If I do need dialysis,” he says, “it will be better because I can be treated at home.”

Your gift to Pine Street today can help bring more people home, especially those who are sick and must contend with the challenges of an illness. With your support, we can guide these homeless men and women back to health and into homes of their own.

Gratefully,

Lyndia Downie
President and Executive Director

P.S. Last year, with your help, Pine Street was able to bring hundreds of formerly homeless men and women off the streets and into housing. Please give today so we can bring even more people *home!*