

Celebrating 2025

January

In January, thanks to an anonymous donor, Stepping Stone Ministries was able to buy the old Railway Credit Union as the new location for the facility.

February

In February, friends, family, and the Sisters of Annunciation Monastery gathered to bless the building before construction.

February- September

For the next 8 months, Stepping Stone Ministries worked with Straightway Construction to build a building that met the needs of our clients.

April

In April, we worked with Dvorak Motors, one of our amazing supporters, to find the perfect vehicles to transport our residents.

August

In August, we were honored to be one of the chosen charities for the Gospel PraiSing Music Festival. GPS Ministries and the community raised over \$2,000 for Stepping Stone Ministries.

September

In September, the construction of the building was finally completed, allowing staff and volunteers to move in and begin preparing the space.

October

October was the Grand Opening! We celebrated for three days, welcoming people into the facility for tours. We then accepted our first resident on October 6th.

November & December

For the last few months of 2025, we have been focusing on caring for our residents. We have been working out all the kinks and making sure we can provide the best quality of care.



People You Helped This Year



Terry

Terry was the very first resident to come through Stepping Stone Ministries after its opening in October. He is not just a resident, he's part of our SSM family. As a former high school math teacher and chess champion, he still retains his skills and enjoys winning a good game of chess or Scrabble. During his time with us, he focused on building his strength and mobility and receiving support from Umary's OT and PT students. Although Terry has since secured housing, he frequently calls and enjoys visiting when he can.



Janet

Janet was another one of our first few residents who joined us in October. She is a spirited woman who quickly became a fun addition to the community and found joy in the simple routines. Her favorite breakfast was oatmeal with a little sugar, and she was happy to enjoy a bowl with her morning coffee. While she was with us, a donated suncatcher craft kept her busy as she decorated our community space with beautiful colors. Janet has since brought her talent with her to a new home, which we are sure she will make just as cozy.



Jeromy

Jeromy came to Stepping Stone Ministries while his foot was healing from an infection. While he was with us, he was often found speeding around on his scooter, helping the staff with anything he could. One of the best moments with Jeromy was when we were able to buy him a new pair of shoes to support his healing. We are happy to celebrate him, as he has since moved into a new home and recently called to tell us he is wearing his shoes at his brand-new job! While he was with us, he also wrote a letter expressing his immense gratitude, which he wants us to share with all of you.

"I came to Stepping Stone in late October after 2 weeks of being in the hospital on IV antibiotics. Stepping Stone picked me up from the hospital and even got me to a different appointment the same day before admitting me into their facility. From the very second I came through the doors their hospitality and caring nature were evident even to someone who hadn't had a good night's sleep in a long time. From the greetings every morning, the homemade meals, rides to whatever appointments I had, no task has been too tall for this team. The staff here can't be beat, 24 hours a day there is a friendly face to help with whatever you need. Stepping Stone not only helped me get back to health, they gave me the strength and support to know that I can move forward into the next chapter of life with confidence. I am so grateful to Stepping Stone and their amazing staff and volunteers for such an amazing and uplifting experience."

- Jeromy Nov 2025