



Renay with her artwork.

HOUSING FIRST GIVES PEOPLE A PLACE FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY

Renay suffered an injury resulting in a neck fracture. She began taking pictures at unique angles as a way to exercise and regain range of motion in her neck. Photography was a way to heal, and a way to express herself and her humanity in a positive way.

Couleecap's Housing First Program, which is made possible by funding from several local sources, along with other state and federal funds, helped Renay find and pay for an apartment of her own. She worked with her Case Manager on her health, well-being, and recovery. This spring with the help of Couleecap and other community resources, Renay was given the opportunity to showcase her art in a photography exhibit. Seeing her photographs in print for the first time was an emotional moment for Renay who excels at capturing the unexpected through her lens.

Today Renay is taking photographs and planning her next exhibit. Sitting in her apartment surrounded by items she has creatively repurposed and recycled, Renay has the support system she needs and is finding balance. "We need to show people they are worthy," says Renay. "We need compassionate people and love."

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-Renay White**

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