FINDING A HOME AFTER A GREAT LOSS

When Juan lost his wife, his whole world changed. A 69-year-old Latino man, Juan came to the Triage and Assessment Center after losing his home due to the loss of additional income after the death of his wife of over 45 years due to cancer. He came into the Triage and Assessment Center after exploring all of his options with friends and family. He had reached out to the Senior Center for help and was referred to the Triage Center for housing assistance. When he arrived, we were able to complete an assessment and see where the gaps for his care and housing were. Juan worked very closely with his case manager to assure that he was receiving all of the entitlements that he was eligible for. He was also connected with a community health center to address his own medical needs that had been neglected due to being the caregiver for his wife. Additionally, he was referred to mental health services for much needed grief counseling. With the assistance of his case manager he completed many housing applications and was ultimately accepted to elderly housing.

Juan is now living in an elderly housing complex in the City of Worcester, receives services from a visiting nurse, meals on wheels and in-home therapy to continue the work that he started while a guest of the Triage and Assessment Center. He comes and visits the Triage Center once a month to check-in and express his gratitude for the guidance and helped he received.

Your gift to the United Way of Central Massachusetts helps to fund many of the agencies that helped Juan get back on his feet. This is only one of many examples of how your donation is invested in our community. Please consider making a gift today to the United Way of Central Massachusetts. You will be helping the people in your town, those in our community and those most vulnerable amongst us.