



**Name:** Nathan

**Services received:** Housing, Medical Case Management, Dental Grant Peer Education, Training, and Employment

**Additional comments.** “I have gone from a client receiving services to a manager providing said services.”

In 2004, as a result of his battle with HIV, Nathan was too sick to maintain and afford his home. After losing his house, he moved into a Bucks Villa group home where he received housing and supportive services and has been able to remain connected. Because of this assistance from Bucks Villa Inc and the opportunity it afforded him, he has been able to focus on his health.

Because of the great help he received he felt he needed to give back and Nathan started volunteering for Bucks Villa Inc and started sharing his story. This turned into a part-time position, where he was trained as an educator and outreach specialist. Ultimately the help he received allowed him to stabilize and re-enter the workforce full-time, working as the first consumer to join the staff in an upper management position. “I have gone from a client receiving services to a manager providing said services.” He is forever grateful for this program. He believes Bucks Villa, Inc. empowers people to become self-reliant and he shares his story to remind people of what is possible.

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