

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

This year someone very close to me was facing homelessness. I never thought that I would have such a direct experience with homelessness. Fortunately his plight was a temporary situation, but those nights he spent on the street caused me terrible anguish. He was in another part of the country so an offer of direct assistance was impossible. Would he be OK? My family and I prayed for him a lot during those long nights.

Since he couldn't afford a rent deposit and had poor credit, a longer-term housing solution was out of reach. I made a commitment to support his housing costs for two months until he could find another job. I knew it was the right thing to do and did it with happiness in my heart. Two weeks later, this help was no longer needed because he found a job and could afford a rented room. I gave because I had faith – a faith that also gave him the hope to believe in himself.

Today, I invite you to reflect on how your own faith can transform the lives of others.

—Judith Morrison