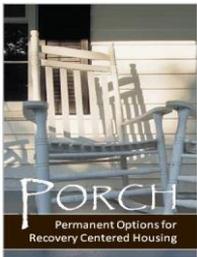


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“It was October, not the best time to sleep in there, it was a cold night, but I was so lost, just so lost, and I just didn’t want to be around anybody.”



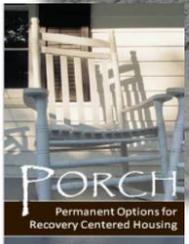
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***“I spent a lot of time in that park.
I’m not from here, I didn’t know
anyone, so coming here I decided
to stay after treatment”***



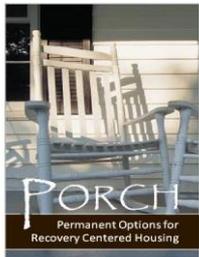
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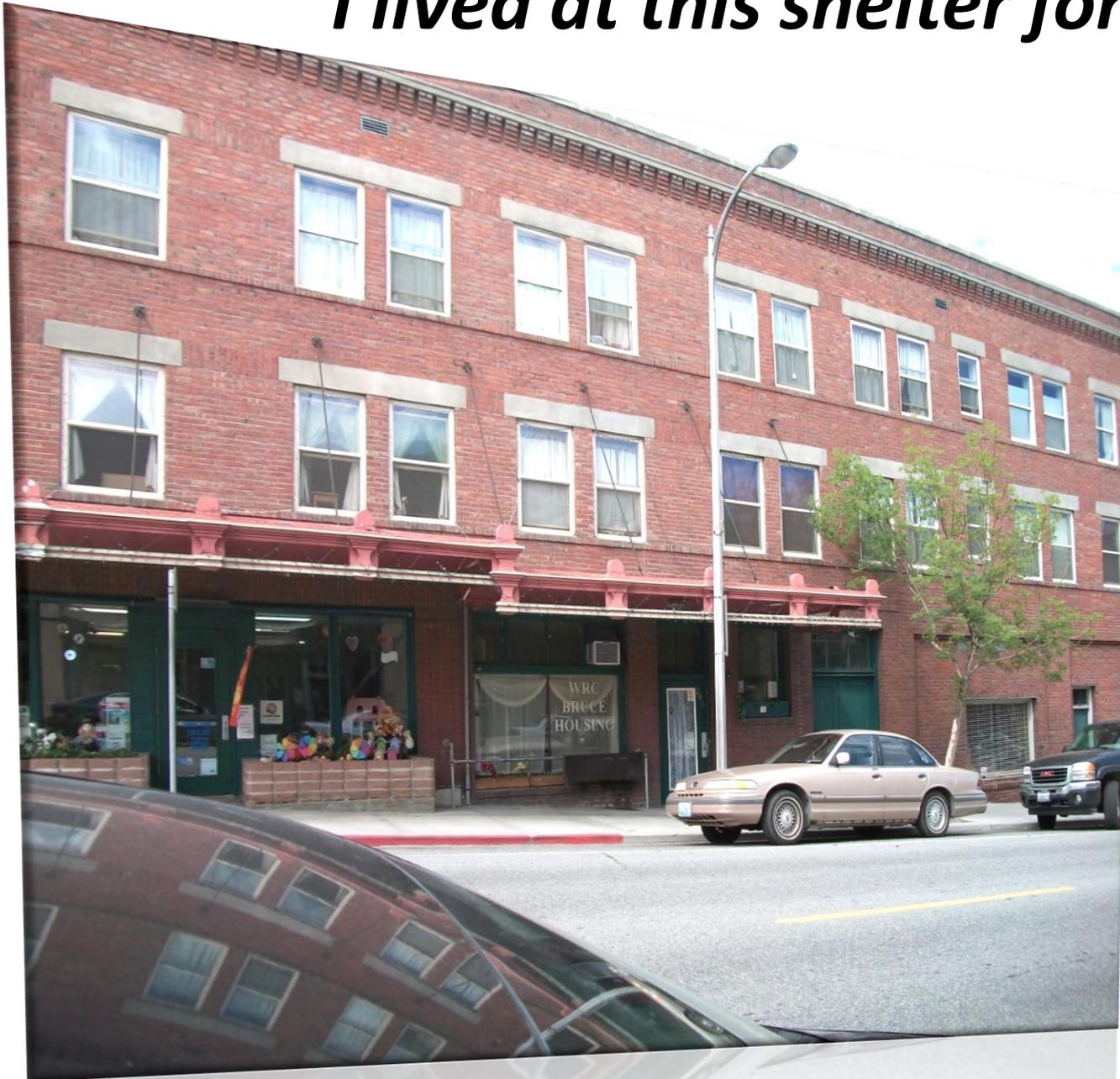


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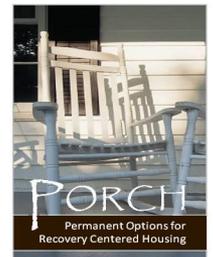


“That’s my PORCH home.”

“I lived at this shelter for 8 months.”



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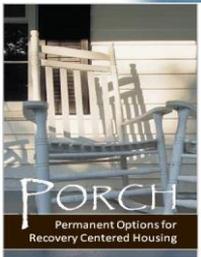


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“After the shelter, I stayed at this motel I didn’t know if I was going to get kicked out or not, so I was always stressed about whether I was going to have a place to live the next day.”



Before



“It means a lot because my family can all sit down together and have meals together or play games together.”



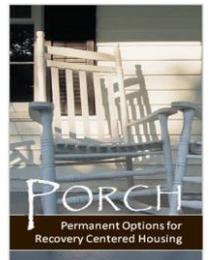
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“This is my garden in the front of our house. I actually have a garden now to grow my flowers and I have rose bushes. It helps relieve stress. It’s really

relaxing to do. I’ve never really had a garden before so it’s kind of nice.”

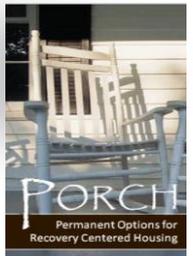
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“That’s the motel keys. My son and I when we were homeless we stayed at the Value Inn. It’s a low down motel.”



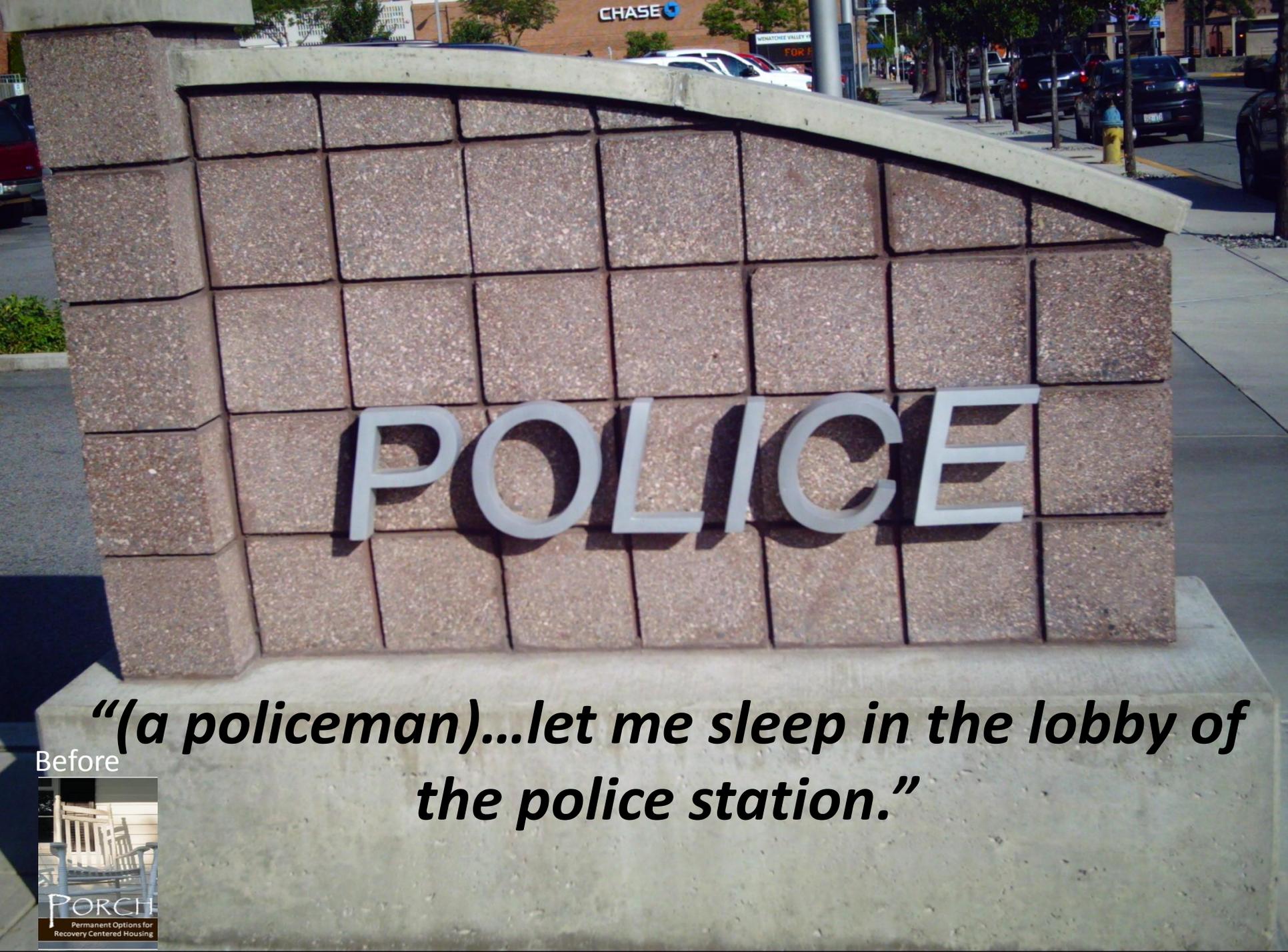
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“That’s actually where ... (my dog and I) stayed during the winter when we were homeless. It’s next to a building in Courthouse Park. We had a blanket and we’d stay there against the building, between the building and the bushes. I figured no one would see us. This was during the winter. It was cold.”

Before





POLICE

***“(a policeman)...let me sleep in the lobby of
the police station.”***

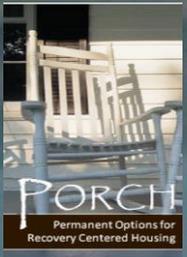
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A photograph showing a road intersection with a railroad crossing signal. The signal has four red lights. The road has double yellow lines. In the background, there are rolling hills and some trees. The sky is clear.

“...that’s where the sheriff found me. I was very sick and I had passed out by the train tracks. It was winter time.”

Before

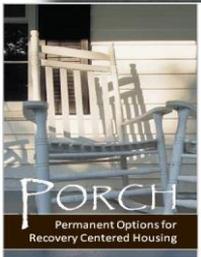




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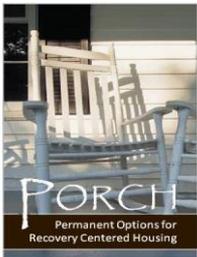
***“I had to
stay here
for a
while.
Let’s
leave it at
that.”***

Before





After

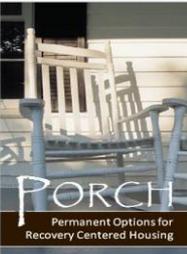


***“This belongs to me. My
Apartment!”***

“I had to leave my parent’s house real fast. When you have to leave your house, you just grab a bag and stuff your things in there. This is one of the only bags I had.”



Before

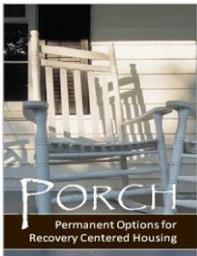


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“I had to get a doctor’s note to have her cuz they don’t allow pets. She’s a fat cat but she knows me. When she sees me get upset, she senses I need help. She purrs and paws at my face and then I calm down.”

After





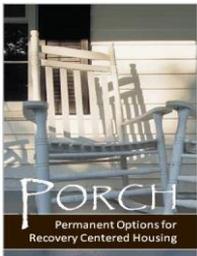
“I lived in the white house. The church ran it and you had to go to bible classes three times a week. I didn’t mind it but there were other people there who didn’t know about church. That was rough. It could be really crazy in there.”

Before



“He’s good. Not like the others that just asked me questions. He’s making me get healthy and check to make sure I’m using the treadmill. He’s making sure I’m thinking straight and that I’m going to school. I don’t like doing it but he’s making sure I save money.”

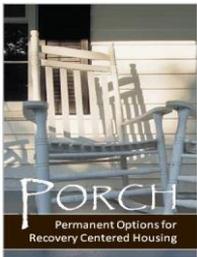
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“It used to be the only place I was... Sitting on a bench. I was really messed up and just stayed on a bus bench for hours every day.”

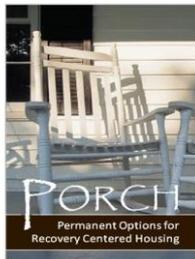


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“When I saw that window, I knew this (apartment) was the one. A kitchen window!”

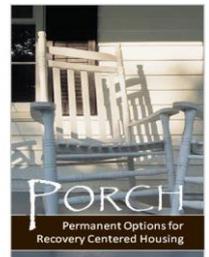
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***“This is important. It’s
my own front door and I
have my own key. It’s
mine!”***



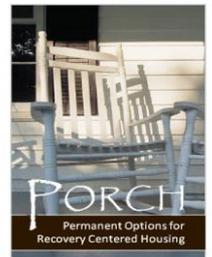
After





“I was at Western State Hospital and I was homeless. Western State Hospital is where I received my Section 8. Also I was connected to the PORCH team from Greater Lakes; then I was paired up with a peer from PORCH. The peer helped me a great deal with finding a place to live.”

Before

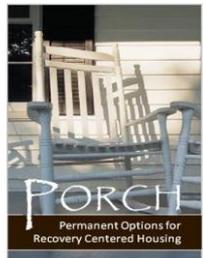


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“I painted this picture while I was at Western State Hospital, before I had a place to stay. I painted this because of my feelings surrounding my living situations. I threw all my feelings into one painting. I was feeling: scared, angry, unstable, lost, alone, disconnected, disappointed, frustrated, guilty, hopeful, overwhelmed, and worried.”

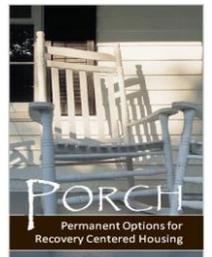
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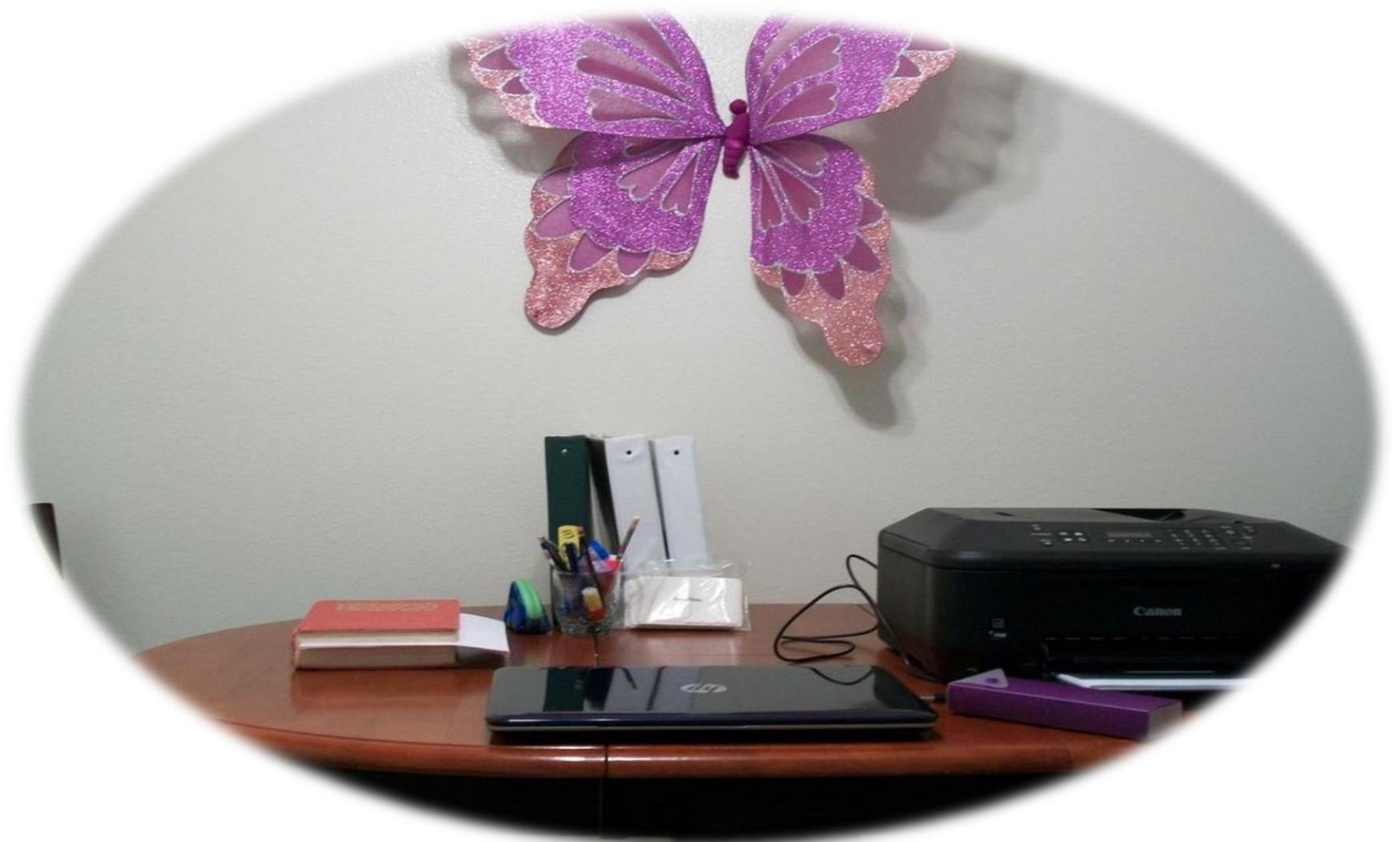




“This is my home. It’s easy now, and accessible for me and to get where I need to go.”

After





“Now that I have a safe stable place to live, I can go to school. I have place in my apartment to do my homework and study. That place has everything I need for me to succeed in school. It has my butterfly that reminds me that change is part of life and it is in most aspects, a good thing. I have my laptop, printer and materials for school. This place is only possible because of the help I got from my peer on the PORCH team.”

The PORCH Teams!

