



Rebuilding Lives - Matthew Kerr

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Paroled from prison to the Rescue Mission for six months, Matthew Kerr is determined to get his life together. In December, the

28-year-old from Hamilton Township said he was looking forward to serving out his sentence and returning home in March.

Helping him navigate was the staff of the Mission, for whom he had high praise.

"I've been through other programs, but this is different," he said. "It's like a combination halfway house and

inpatient place. You learn life skills, and that makes a difference. They're very encouraging."

Kerr has a commercial driver's license, but because of his past problems with drugs he can't use it for another two years. That means he has to find another line of work.

"They're helping me plan so I'll have

something else till then," he said. "The biggest thing for me is to go on job searches. And Diana in the life skills program here has been really helpful. She told me there is a state-funded tattoo removal program, which will help me a lot," he said, showing the artwork running up and down his arms. "I never would have known about it



otherwise."

"This place does a lot of good for people," he concluded. "I'm grateful."

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