

## Moving from surviving to thriving

Joe has an acquired brain injury and speech difficulties. Housing and support were his priorities but his needs were complex. When Joe connected with Gordon Wright of the John Howard Society he found the supports and services that would help him to not only cope, but to imagine a future with possibilities.

Gordon has worked with Joe for the past two years. Through his partnerships in the community, Gordon was able to connect Joe with housing support through Canadian Mental Health Association and assistance with his brain injury from the Alberta Brain Injury Network. Joe has drawn on the John Howard Society to support him with court and legal concerns, financial and collection questions, taxes and accessing speech and language therapy. Joe is also part of the newly established Adult Literacy Program at the John Howard Society.

Now that he has stable housing and a support system, Joe has new goals. He wants to get his driver's license, learn to use technology to assist him in daily living, and to settle into a more typical life. Gordon is there for Joe as he continues to navigate life in Red Deer.