

To Whom it May Concern;

My Name is Veronica Lallan and I'm a member of the Key clubhouse of South Florida. I struggle with depression and been diagnosed with diabetes this is my story. As a young adult in my twenties I was working hard every day living from pay check to pay check. I have been struggling all my life. At the age of 26 I found out that I am a diabetic, I didn't know how serious it was until I was 36 years old. One day I was working at my job and I got really sick so bad that I was in the hospital for months. I have lost 6 of my toes. That means I had to resign from my job because my job requires walking a lot. Now I'm on Disability and I go in and out of the hospital a lot. I would love to be independent and feel secure in my own place.

I been staying with friends and other relatives for a long time. I can't afford to live by myself. I have tried many places but they want so much that I couldn't afford it. I even tried shelters but they was too full. By me been a diabetic I have to eat right and pay for my medications. And also I have other health issues like depression, leg problems and stomach problems. I need your help because I been through a lot and I don't have no place to go. Please help me. My Disability income is \$816.00 a month. And my food stamps, I only receive \$16.00 dollars. I'm a diabetic and for me I need to eat more than one time a day. I can't live off of 16.00 dollars. The people who I live with I have to pay them \$400 dollars a month and then I have to pay hospital bills to as well, and use the disability check to buy food and buy foot gauges and medicines for my foot, because I have a hole and ulcer under my foot. So that means I can't work. I am expected to move out in two months.

In the mean time I go to key clubhouse a lot to be productive and help out and learn from the key clubhouse. The key clubhouse is a wonderful place where people like me can learn and have fun with different cultures and who have the same mental and physical disability as me. I feel comfortable with the members of the key clubhouse.

At clubhouse I am preparing to return to part time work. When I achieve this goal and before, I will urgently need to find housing that I can afford. That's why I am sharing my story with you.