It is easy to fall into homelessness, but much more difficult to make it out. Many factors can combine to keep someone from leaving homelessness. Guests from our 2017-18 season reported experiencing:

**Alcohol or drug addiction in the last year***
*None of these 66 guests came to us from a substance abuse facility

**Serious mental health issues in the last year**

**Domestic violence in the last year**

A range of physical and mental health issues stymie our guests’ efforts to reach the income level required to access our region’s independent housing options.

*One in three* guests received **federal disability income**, meaning they are found *ineligible to hold a stable job* based on physical or mental health.

Only *1 in 2* veteran guests received **income** – and only *half of those* did so through **paid employment**.

PACEM’s mission is to bring together the faith community of its five-county service area to provide temporary shelter, compassionate support, and access to services that help our most vulnerable neighbors find their way home safely.