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For about 40 years, starting at the age of 16, Dave was homeless more often than not. He left his family's home in Arizona but was able to stay with a local family to finish high school. After high school, he couch surfed and eventually met the mother of his two children. He was present in his kids' lives when he could be, and worked various jobs, including construction, when he could. He found his way to California. But his love for alcohol – a habit begun in sixth grade and escalating during high school – held him back in countless ways.

A self-described “affable drunk,” Dave did attempt sobriety at times, but his commitment to AA was inconsistent. In 2000, he achieved a year of sobriety after receiving treatment at the Roque Center, but eventually relapsed.

In 2016, Dave was hospitalized. He was referred to Action Alliance, moved into an Action Alliance house (the same house where he lives today), made a firm commitment to attend AA meetings, and hasn't looked back since.

Dave maintains his sobriety by attending AA meetings regularly. He's also in touch with his kids and grandchildren, who live in Arizona and Kentucky. “I finally decided to get sober not only for myself, but also my kids and grandkids,” he explains.

“I am so thankful for Action Alliance!” concludes Dave. “Action Alliance has had faith in me and has given me a chance to get my life in order.”