H.O.P.E. Haven first met Douglas in South Houston near Almeda Genoa and Rowlett Rd. in June of 2020. When we first met Douglas he had been homeless for 14 years and struggled with alcohol and drug abuse. He also served our country in the U.S. Air Force. During our initial meeting with him he expressed the desire to be baptized but did not know how to proceed. Our outreach team was able to plant seeds of hope for his one request during this visit. After meeting with Douglas our outreach team began to make the connections for him to be baptized. The next week we were able to do a baptism ceremony for him. After this we continued to build a relationship and he then wanted to proceed with a housing assessment to start the process to get a place of his own. A few months after he then stated he was not going to leave where he was at due to his truck was not able to be driven. We again continued to build the relationship with him and he did end up losing his place for housing through the U.S. Vets housing program. Several months then went by and he was reassessed for housing and decided he was ready this time for the change. He was then referred out for housing through the U.S. Vets housing program again and was still ready to make this life change. In January of 2021 he also decided he was ready to go to a detox facility and start rehab, members of our team were able to make this happen through a partnership with Cenikor. In late January of 2021 Douglas checked in to the 30 day program with a positive attitude on changing his life. During his stay at Cenikor Douglas was able to make his appointments and complete the necessary paperwork to continue the process for his apartment. Through hard work from Douglas, our team members and many other partnerships such as the Harris County Constables Office PCT 2 HOT Unit, he was able to get moved into his own place in June of 2021. Douglas’ story is a one of a kind as they all are. Our team is blessed to be just one part of the process of helping individuals like him “Move from crisis to lifelong self-sufficiency”