BJ: Here's another smile for a mile moment from MERIL.

Charles Harris grew up on St. Jo's South side and became a deputy sheriff for over 22 years. Then cancer struck...not once...but twice. Charles is living independently, thanks to his Aunt telling him about MERIL, and for now at least, the cancer is gone....but where would he be without some help?

Charles: Well, before I had it, I was down at InterServe at the shelter because I was on the street. I'd probably be back on the street.

BJ: Charles' mentor is Beth and she sees this a lot.

Beth: I think as long as somebody can continue living on their own, in their own elements that gives them the strive to continue on and they get to have things their way as they want them.

BJ: How about it Charles????

Charles: "I'm doing great!!!"

BJ: Wanna feel good??? Maybe you know of a friend, relative or neighbor that

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