

Homeless veterans share new residence

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BEVERLY — Iraq veteran Ryan Doyle, formerly of the U.S. Army, doesn't complain. After serving his country in a bitter war, he and wife, Kelli, found themselves living in a Boston hotel for six months. And despite having training in computers and high-tech communications, he wasn't having much luck finding a job.

"I can fix anything," said the North Andover native, as Kelli Doyle nodded enthusiastically. "I've got a lot of applications out."

But it's been tough



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Chuck Clarke, president of the executive board, North Shore Veterans Counseling Services, looks across the way toward the old building while speaking during the open house and dedication ceremony of the newly renovated North Shore Veterans Counseling Service Center home.

even getting online from a hotel. The couple didn't have a real address to put

on those applications.

"And there was a fear," Ryan admitted, "that we

were going to end up in a shelter."

That was yesterday. Today the Doyles' address is 45 Broadway, Beverly, and they are decidedly upbeat, sharing an airy, high-ceilinged room with a private bathroom in a large Victorian home. Down the hall is a common kitchen and a laundry. There's a garden in the backyard.

"I love it," said Kelli Doyle as they enjoyed a quiet meal by three tall windows, the laptop on the table between them.

"It's nice to have a place where we can be together."

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