

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance Gives Pregnant Utah Woman a Fresh Start

Positive Stories / Lessons Learned from HPRP: *Individual Success Story*

HPRP Grantee:	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah
CoC Name and Number:	UT-500 Salt Lake City & County CoC

Latest CoC Point-in-Time Count:

Total persons in ES:	1,135	Total persons in TH:	651
Total persons in Safe Haven:	48	Total unsheltered persons:	189
Total persons, sheltered and unsheltered:	2,023		

Janet* came to The Road Home emergency shelter six months pregnant with nowhere else to go. It was the first time she had been homeless, and she was desperate to give her child a different future than the life she was living. Staff welcomed her and helped her connect to other resources in the community. She put everything she had into utilizing these sources, including TANF cash benefits, Medicaid, and case management at the shelter.

About a month after arriving at The Road Home, Janet was approved for rapid re-housing assistance. She quickly found an apartment with a landlord who was willing to work with a difficult credit background. She was in her last trimester when she was able to move in, giving her greater sense of security for when her daughter was born. She settled into her apartment and soon gave birth to a beautiful baby girl.

Janet received rapid re-housing assistance for 7 months. In that short period of time, she was able to transition from TANF cash benefits to working part-time, and to return to school to finish her Medical

Assistant degree. While in HPRP she also received a voucher from Salt Lake County's Homeless Assistance Rental Program to provide long-term subsidized housing.

Without HPRP, Janet would not have been able to stabilize in the community as quickly as she did. The supportive services of HPRP combined with her strong will and determination were the jumpstarts she needed to get back on her feet. Knowing that she had a safe and stable place to raise her daughter allowed her to focus her energy on securing employment and bettering her education for the future of her family.

**Names have been changed for confidentiality.*

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