

# HPRP Helps Reunite and Re-House a Texas Mother and Daughter

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

HPRP Grantee:	Tarrant County
CoC Name and Number:	TX-601 Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care

### Latest CoC Point-in-Time Count:

Total persons in ES:	981	Total persons in TH:	387
Total persons in Safe Haven:	20	Total unsheltered persons:	130
Total persons, sheltered and unsheltered:	1,518		

HPRP financial assistance played a role in Kerry’s\* life three times. Samaritan Housing’s first contact with Kerry was when she entered one of their SRO programs. Kerry’s substance abuse had recently lost her custody of her only daughter to her daughter’s grandparents, and she entered a substance abuse treatment program under her case manager’s direction.

After completing treatment, HPRP provided the rental assistance for Kerry to move into a one-bedroom apartment, and she focused on regaining custody of her daughter with the support of her case manager. The situation was complicated when the grandparents released her daughter to a juvenile home, and Kerry now had to overcome the stigma of her recent addiction to demonstrate to both the home and the state court that she was fit to regain full custody. Having a safe living situation was an enormous factor in demonstrating stability, and the day when Kerry was awarded custody was, in the words of her caseworker, “the best day of my life[,] to see just how far and just how much my client did to get what she wanted most in life, and that was her daughter back.” HPRP again provided Kerry and her daughter rental assistance, this time to move in to a more appropriate two-bedroom apartment. After Kerry’s

daughter completed her last year in junior high, HPRP funds helped them move to a more affordable two-bedroom within walking distance of her daughter's new high school.

Kerry no longer needs HPRP assistance. She graduated from cosmetology school while in the HPRP program and has financial resources from her ongoing employment, as well as an apartment that she can afford. HPRP was used to re-house Kerry out of homelessness once, and with no further resources, to keep her and her daughter stably housed twice – the result of this assistance and ongoing case management is a family who has not only overcome, but is equipped with the housing education to select future affordable and sustainable units. HPRP's financial assistance and case management have seen her through her worst and now, as a family, her best.

*\*Names have been changed for confidentiality.*

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