



FROM HOMELESS TO HOMEOWNERS

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Mary and John first came to the Concord Homeless Resource Center after Mary had struggled with mental health issues, and she experienced a manic episode while living in Michigan.

She and her partner John packed all their belongings, including about 20 vibrant house plants, into a U-haul truck and headed to New Hampshire to find a new start.

Finding no housing that was affordable or available, they moved into their storage unit. They came to the Resource Center for help in figuring out what to do next. A caseworker assisted John with creating a resume and filling out employment applications, and he was hired immediately at an automotive company.

Meanwhile, they got caught living in the storage unit and were forced to leave. They brought their house plants to the Resource Center for safekeeping, and rented a room at the most inexpensive hotel they could find.

The caseworker continued to work with them on apartment searches and housing applications, and assisted Mary with applying for medical benefits and getting her SSI disability check transferred to New Hampshire.

The Resource Center was also able to loan them money for the rental application fees, as well as money to repair a tire so John could continue getting to work, all of which they paid back.

They secured an apartment in December, and John and Mary and all their plants were able to move in to their new home! The Resource Center also helped them secure donated furniture and household supplies.



NEARLY

7,200

211 NH callers received critical referrals to social services, including needs related to homelessness, legal supports, and utility assistance.

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