

## Yuba-Sutter Habitat for Humanity

2021

Harmony Village in Sutter County



"My name is Cordelia. I am 31 years old. I have been homeless for 12 years. I was living at the river in Marysville for 9 years. I got pregnant at 20 and had a daughter August 2012. I gave her up for adoption as I had no income and was homeless and really sick with the beginning of my first experience of Crohn's Disease.

I went to Hands of Hope when they opened and was able to take a shower and do laundry. Hands of Hope helped me get on SSI and they helped me when I needed to go to the hospital for my Crohn's Disease. They are a big part of my homeless life.

I was able to rent a room in a 3 bedroom house on J Street in Marysville. I even went back to Hands of Hope and was volunteering to pass time by. It didn't last long as my health took a turn for the worse and had to quit extracurricular activities and my doctor was talking about surgery. At which point I went homeless again in October 2020 due to my landlord's health went downhill fast and ended with her passing away late December the same year.

I went into REST and was there for 3 weeks before I was accepted into Better Way in Yuba City. I was able to stay at Better Way for a little over a month and was able to continue with Hands of Hope to take showers and do laundry.

As of the 29th of January 2021, I have found a small apartment for me and my service dog. I would not have been able to do any of this had it not been for the help of Hands of Hope, REST and the help of the people at Better Way.

Thank you for all you have done for me and I am very thankful."

The small apartment Cordelia is referencing is her room at Harmony Village, where she now has permanent housing with supportive services. When Cordelia first moved in, she was new into her recovery. Nearly 1 year later Cordelia has maintained her sobriety, managed her chronic illness and has a realistic 3 year plan to move out of Harmony Village into her very own Habitat Home as a homeowner. We are all excited to see her dreams come to fruition and are dedicated to helping her stay on target.

Habitat for Humanity Yuba/Sutter is proud of how our local Non-Profits work together with our local government to address the homeless issue and create true measurable outcomes that serve all of our community members.