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Community helps two Everett residents prepare for life off the streets

EVERETT - In January two Everett residents, Jeremy and Teresa*, signed leases to move into new apartments following years of living on the streets, months being engaged with the City's [Chronic Utilizers Alternative Response Team](#) (CHART), and weeks living temporarily in hotel rooms. A coordinated effort among case managers, CHART and the [Community Outreach and Enforcement Team](#) provided the necessary support and navigation to ensure they got settled into their new homes.

Jeremy and Teresa each had only a few personal items prior to moving into their new homes, and both have extremely limited incomes. They were excited about the possibility of a life off the streets, but had no furniture or household items needed to live independently. That's when the [Community Streets Initiative](#) partners and Everett Faith in Action, a coordinated network of faith-based churches and nonprofits, stepped in to help.

Thanks to generous Everett residents, churches and a local business, within two days each individual was set to move in with beds, bedding, towels, bathroom items and living room furniture. A local church provided a cash donation through the Community Streets Initiative Flex Fund, and directed it toward addressing any last-minute needs Jeremy and Teresa faced. A local hotel was able to provide a donation of towels, pillows and shower curtains.

"Everett has so many people who care about our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness," said Julie Frauenholtz, Community Streets Initiative coordinator. "They are willing to step up when asked to help and when they have a tangible, responsible way to do so. Both residents have expressed heartfelt gratitude for the assistance they've received."

To learn more about how to give responsibly, visit www.everettwa.gov/giveresponsibly. To learn more about Everett Faith in Action, email Julie Frauenholtz at julie@communityjf.com.

**Names have been changed*

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