

## Better Way celebrates another person successfully housed

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### **Q: Tell us a little about yourself and where you're from.**

Jade: "I grew up in Olivehurst. I was adopted there as a result of my real Mom being killed by my biological Father. I first moved to Yuba City in 1997, and I've moved in and out of there many times ever since."

### **Q: What was your experience with Homelessness like?**

Jade: "How I became homeless... Well, that's a long story. This time was the result of a roommate, and I couldn't take the harassment, thievery, and threats. I had to get out of there for my own sanity and to protect my sobriety. I guess you could say that I voluntarily became homeless because I couldn't deal with her anymore.

The hardest part of being homeless was mainly continuing fear for my safety, plus the lack of stability."

### **Q: How did you get into Better Way Shelter, and what was your time there like?**

Jade: "I got into Better Way because I asked for a referral upon registering at Hands of Hope. Being there was not without its challenges; but it was mostly a positive experience. I made lots of new friends right away and I'm also really thankful for the electricity in the units."

### **Q: Now that you have your own place, what are you looking forward to the most?**

Jade: "I'm looking forward to my very own room, being able to cook and I also feel that I will be better able to get my health under control."

### **Q: What would you tell someone who is out there experiencing homelessness?**

Jade: "I've been homeless off and on for a long time now... Even when I wanted to throw in the towel, I DIDN'T GIVE UP. PLEASE don't give up on yourselves. Believe me, I KNOW it's hard; ESPECIALLY being a chronically ill/permanently disabled person who can't work with no income. Believe it or not, there ARE people who care and WANT TO HELP. It is thanks to those same people that I'm SAFE, HAPPY AND HOUSED."