

## MWOC Client Story – John and family

Many of our clients face being homeless for a variety of reasons: medical bills, loss of income or a car repair. It is difficult to characterize the effect that homelessness can have on a family.

This is about a family of five that has resided in a local community for 10 years. The husband, John, was a member of the National Guard and was called to active duty and served in Iraq. The mother and 3 children had to make ends meet on his military pay that provided less income than his civilian occupation. The family was able to subsist until the husband returned from Iraq but needed to find a home that was more affordable.

John was able to secure a better paying job and his wife was working part time in the evenings. Even with both of them working, they were unable to meet their financial obligations. They were unable to pay the rent they owed and were evicted. The mother, who had become pregnant, and 3 children moved into cramped quarters with relatives while John lived in his car. They had exhausted all avenues of military assistance.

Fortunately they found an affordable apartment but they lacked the funds for the security deposit of \$1350. MWOC was able to provide the funding for the family to move into their new home.