



# Shantari & Y'Jahri

With a high school diploma and a job as a certified nursing assistant, Shantari was firmly in control of her life. Unfortunately **we are all one paycheck away from being homeless.**

**“I had regular hours and great clients, but when they went into hospital my hours got significantly reduced. I just couldn't afford to pay my rent anymore and I ended up sleeping in my car, on park benches, on couches - anywhere I could go really”**

When Shantari became pregnant, she was moved into a shelter in Medford, where she had her adorable baby. Life was tough raising a baby in a communal living space. After being referred to us and, after mounds of paperwork, Shantari and Y'Jahri moved into their **own house in February 2023**. When visiting her, she was so grateful to have a place to call home and have a room for her daughter to sleep in.

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**I have lived a very transient lifestyle for years. It's been very traumatic. It's not good sleeping outside in the rain. That is just not the norm and it has made me who I am today, I am humbled.**

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