



PARTNERS FOR **AFFORDABLE** **HOUSING**

MEET AMANDA & JIMMY

Last winter, Amanda and Jimmy were living month-to-month in a motel with their 4-year-old son Owen. They had a microwave oven and a dorm fridge, but not a full kitchen. The couple agreed to provide cleaning and maintenance services in exchange for reduced rent. The one-room “home” was quite cramped for their small family, and with a baby on the way, they knew it wasn’t a permanent solution.

That changed when a single woman came to stay at the motel. When she met the couple and heard about their living situation, she mentioned that Partners for Affordable Housing (PAH) had some



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**a hand-up was all they needed
to get to a stable housing
situation for their growing family**

“below market rate rentals” in the area. Amanda was familiar with PAH’s emergency shelters, but hearing of the apartments for reduced rent was news to her.

Amanda contacted PAH’s property manager, Sharon, who shared that she had an open apartment. Sharon took the couple under her wing, not only helping complete necessary paperwork, but also helped the family secure financial assistance to facilitate the transition. After moving into a place of their own, Amanda re-enrolled at South Central College and secured a part-time job, while Jimmy kept his employment at the motel.

Last summer, they welcomed a baby, Gracie, into their family. They are currently paying rent on a 3-bedroom apartment (with a full kitchen!) and are no longer needing rental assistance. The family has become self-sufficient due to their hard work, connections with partner agencies, and a hand-up from the PAH staff.

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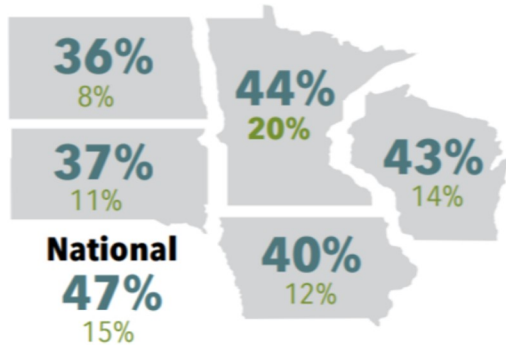
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UNDER OUR ROOF



COST BURDEN is when a household spends **more than 30% of its income on housing**. Research shows that families spending more than 30% on housing often have inadequate resources to pay for other necessities like food and medicine.

Percentage of renter households and owner households that are cost burdened



Gap in affordable rental housing for lowest-income households

68,104

available and affordable units

179,415

extremely low-income households

111,331

households can't find affordable housing



GROSS RENT INCREASE
+13%



MEDIAN RENTER INCOME DECREASE
-5%



Each night, we provide housing for 83 individuals or families in our shelter rooms, apartments or houses, and in our housing programs at other sites. While we do all of this with a very diverse funding stream - private donations; foundations; city, county, state and federal

government; raffles; rental income; grants; and fundraisers - it is crucial to raise enough money to keep our mission of providing housing options for those most in need, alive!

I've made it my mission to educate and advocate for more support of our programs, with the hope that awareness of the gaps will increase the financial support needed to assist the growing number of families facing housing insecurities.

We provide not just a place to sleep for the night, week, month or year, but genuine encouragement, a helping hand-up to attain stable housing for individuals and families who otherwise would be without a home of their own.

Our team of staff and volunteer board members THANK YOU for being a valued PARTNER and for your interest in supporting a variety of housing solutions to fit the needs of our community! Without YOU, we couldn't make such an impact in so many lives!

Best,

Jen Theneman
Executive Director



We have an expansion fund in place for those who wish to make tax-deferred IRA contributions. If you have questions about how to help our mission in this way or any other way, please ask! We also depend on volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors in Mankato and St Peter, and with many other tasks.

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02.22.2020

Pedal Past Poverty
YMCA Blue Gym
Mankato

04.25.2020

Sips for Shelter
Meet @ Circle Inn
North Mankato

05.10.2020

Mother's Day Brunch
Gustavus Adolphus College
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February 22, 2020
Race to Impact Homelessness
Raising funds and awareness for homelessness in Southern Minnesota

WHAT IS PEDAL PAST POVERTY?

Pedal Past Poverty is a one-day and one-of-a-kind stationary bike race. This fun and energetic fundraiser is Partners for Affordable Housing's signature event.

WHEN IS PEDAL PAST POVERTY?

The eighth annual Pedal Past Poverty will take place **Saturday, February 22, 2020**

at the **Mankato YMCA**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

During the event, there are up to 40 teams, ten riders, organized by companies and individuals interested in ending the issues of homelessness and affordable housing. Teams then compete for prizes based on money raised, miles biked, and more on race day.

I WANT TO GET A TEAM, WHAT DO I DO?

It's easy, and FUN! Get a team together of ten riders. Each team is asked to fundraise or donate a minimum of \$1000. Each person on your team rides a stationary bike for twenty minutes, so riders in any fitness level or age can participate! Sign up today at <https://partnersforhousing.org/pedal>



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