



## Addressing Rural Homelessness Brings A Family Back Together

Homelessness is an experience that may be different for each person who is experiencing living without a home. Homelessness in rural communities often looks different than one may expect. Homelessness in rural areas can look like sleeping in campers, crashing on couches, or like in Zack's case, sleeping in a truck. Although homelessness may not be as visible in rural areas as it is in more populated areas, it is still prevalent, and Couleecap supports several households experiencing homelessness in the rural areas.

Zack connected with staff from Couleecap when he was sleeping in a truck. Zack needed a place to live, and enough space so his children could come and live with him. Zack was in need because it was crucial that his children, ages six and seven, had a place to live.

Initially, Couleecap's Homeless Prevention Program was able to provide Zack with motel vouchers to ensure he had a safe, warm place to stay. From there, Couleecap also provided assistance with a security deposit and first month of rent to assist Zack in securing an apartment in his community, which allowed him to have his children move back with him. "I am so grateful for the help that Couleecap gave me," Zack shared. "This assistance changed my life and allows for me to have a way to provide for my children."

Couleecap programs, such as our homeless prevention program, serve thousands of people in the Coulee Region each year. These programs are possible because of the generous financial support we receive.

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**Couleecap**  
**Participant**

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### Our Mission

Couleecap fights poverty and promotes self-sufficiency, economic development, and social justice. We are **People Helping People**, and every day our actions make a difference in the lives of people and families throughout the Coulee Region.