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Not having a stable place to call home, and unsure of where we were going to end up, we were so stressed and anxious. Now, we are less stressed, and we finally have something to call our own.
—Greg & Jessica

Dear Friend,

Greg and Jessica, who were kind enough to share their story with us, are among the latest of thousands of Addison County residents who have found a home with Addison Housing Works since our founding in 1989. This year, as we celebrate our 35th Anniversary, we'll highlight resident stories like theirs to illustrate not just the bricks and mortar of what Addison Housing Works does, but also the sense of community that is achieved when people have safe, decent, affordable places to call home.

As we reflect on 35 Years of Growing Community, we are also looking forward to our next chapter by embarking on a three-year strategic plan. We are excited about the opportunities on the horizon, including the recent groundswell of support from communities making their zoning more housing-friendly, as well as state initiatives to reimagine Act 250.

We also face many challenges, from rising construction costs to the withdrawal of pandemic-era relief funding to higher borrowing costs. We are asking for your support this spring so we can continue to keep providing more quality housing while maintaining affordable rents and supportive services as we strategize to address those headwinds.

Your support makes all the difference. Too many of our neighbors are subsisting on poverty-level incomes, including almost half of the families, seniors, and individuals who live in a home provided by AHW. Gifts like yours ensure they have more than a roof over their heads, but the safety, security, and sense of community that comes from having a home. Moreover, donations are especially critical to our resident services programs—like SASH and the Family Support Program—that help low-income residents access additional resources such as rent assistance, food pantry deliveries, and health care that they might not otherwise be able to receive.

As Greg and Jessica told us, “The programs are there, and they work. All you have to do is ask—people are willing to help you.” This spring, we ask that you please help your neighbors by considering increasing your gift to Addison Housing Works. You'll help mark 35 years of helping others help themselves.

You can enable more Addison County residents to experience the belonging and community of having a home.

With Gratitude,

Elise Shanbacker
Executive Director