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Two more families are home!

Our new residents are settling in after their early December move. The kids are loving their new rooms and are excited to be part of the BNG initiative.



University Hospitals Care Connections staff volunteer to decorate a BNG home for the holidays.

Homeless to Home

A BNG FAMILY'S STORY

Courtney and her children never thought they'd find themselves homeless. But there they were, a family of four, with no place to live. As a single mom without family to depend on, she could no longer pay her rent. She couch surfed for a time, and eventually found herself staying at a family shelter in Cleveland.



At the shelter, she was talking to another mother who was potentially going into housing, and when Courtney found out the woman wasn't going to move to this particular location after all, Courtney was shocked when the opportunity came to her. Like a whirlwind, she and her kids went from homeless to home in a matter of days.

When the day arrived, they never thought they'd be moving into a home that was fully renovated and freshly furnished. When she became homeless, she only had the clothing on her back, and the years of building a life and all of the belongings that came with it disappeared. She had to leave more than a decade of her existence behind. She was shocked to see that literally everything she needed was already there when they moved in. The furniture was perfectly placed and the rooms thought out based on the ages of her children, who are 6, 10 and 13. From pots and pans to linens, necessities were readily available. Extras like a coffee pot were a nice bonus!

Her young son has never had his own room, at least not one that was set up like

a bedroom, with a dresser and such. The concept is new to the little guy, and his excitement was contagious and made his mom's heart so happy.

Some volunteers from University Hospitals Care Connections surprised the family and the other BNG home tenants by decorating the outside of each house during the holidays. A little extra cheer goes a long way when you've been through the trauma of homelessness.

Courtney says she was recently talking with her children, reflecting back on where they were a year ago and how they could never have imagined their desperate situation would lead them to a safe, affordable and stable home, with a yard full of beautiful Christmas decorations. It made the season happy again. The family moved into the new year energized for what's ahead.

LMM supporters commit to changing lives. Thank you for gifting stability and hope to Courtney, her children, and the other mothers and children calling BNG houses home.



BNG Homes are furnished in partnership with Humble Design Cleveland.

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