

SVdP Disaster Services assists with Post-Flood Recovery

When Disaster Case Manager Baumann met this friend in need, she was living in her car. Her rental house had been completely flooded and she lost everything. She also lost her income because she had a small catering business inside her home. She had two teenage twin daughters and a two year old. After the flood her daughter had a baby. She was also recovering from battling cancer. Her children were staying with friends and relatives but would soon be homeless as well. DCM Baumann took care of their immediate needs: referral to the food pantry and Catholic Charities. He also secured a private donor to pay a deposit and the first month's rent. He got the landlord to keep the utilities in his name until the client could start making money.

DCM Baumann took this friend in need to the Northwest Long Term Recovery Group and was able to receive a referral to the Renesting Program. This program furnishes homes for the homeless who have recently secured housing. The family immediately received an emergency kit with cooking supplies, linens and air mattresses. Within a month they received enough furniture for every room of their new home.

This client is forever grateful to St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services because without their immediate help she would have never been able to recover. The pictures are of the client, her children and the furniture.

See the next page for photos of the friend in need, her children and their new home with the furnishings that we provided by SVdP and the Renesting Program.

