

Your support makes a difference

HIV positive, unemployed and living in their car...they hadn't been to a doctor in more than a year.

In July, John and Scott, both living with HIV, came to AIDS Outreach Center in dire need of services. They recently had their home destroyed by a fire and had no possessions other than what was in their car at the time. They were unemployed and basically homeless. At that time, neither had been to a doctor in more than a year.

Their case manager was able to connect them immediately to resources for clothing and essential items as well as AOC's food bank. The couple also received emergency financial assistance to help rent a storage unit to keep their belongings in until they were able to find permanent housing. They were connected to emergency shelters and placed on the waiting list for AOC's Rapid Re-Housing program. Their case manager also set up emergency appointments with a clinic to link them back to medical care, and assistance to pay for their HIV presciptions and other medications.

In November, John and Scott were able to enroll in the Rapid Re-Housing program which provided assistance for them to move in to an apartment. The program includes security deposits and up to one year of rent and utilities. Their case manager was also able to refer them to other agencies that helped provide furnishings and other needed household items. Now, one of them is currently employed full time while the other is planning to go back to college in the fall. John and Scott are currently in medical care and virally suppressed.

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