

This year, Asian Association of Utah (AAU) was able to save a family of seven from homelessness. This family faced unique housing obstacles due to the mother having stage 4 cancer and the father experiencing severe back pain that resulted in temporary leave from work. The family sought out AAU because their landlord had issued a 30-day eviction notice and they did not have another place to stay. The eviction was issued due to one of the children setting off fireworks on a weekday. Due to their refugee background and low English proficiency, the family did not understand that they had broken the rules and regulations of their housing contract. Prior to AAU's intervention, no landlord would rent to them due to lack of stable income and previous bad housing records.

Fortunately, when this family accessed services from AAU, we were able to find a place for them to live and paid their down payment along with 2 months of rent. This enabled them to sign a 6-month lease with the new landlord. Additionally, at the end of second month of assistance, both the father and one of the children were able to obtain stable employment. Now, the family is able to afford long term housing thanks to AAU, its services, and Funding Our Future funding.