



A client approached the NRCA Montgomery County Emergency Assistance office in Christiansburg in October. The client was living in his car after his recent release from prison and had no family or friends in Christiansburg to help him with a place to stay. The NRCA Montgomery County Community Service Worker/Housing Counselor scheduled the client for an intake interview with the HHP Rapid Rehousing Counselor. The client was accepted into the Rapid Rehousing program where the Counselor assisted him in identifying potential residences. The client was working three part-time jobs; however, his poor credit history and criminal background prevented him from finding housing. The client and Rapid Rehousing Counselor had difficulty finding agreeable landlords but were eventually able to find housing at an apartment complex in Montgomery County.

The client signed a lease and moved into his apartment at the beginning of November. He continued to work three jobs throughout his participation in our program, stating his goal was to become self-sufficient after NRCA assistance. The Rapid Rehousing program assisted the client with his application fee, security deposit, and November – January rent payments.

The client has maintained steady employment throughout his partnership with NRCA and consistently volunteers for local churches and the NRCA To Our House homeless men's shelter. He has attended the Renter Education Workshop and budgeting classes so that he can learn more about his rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

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