

Sign-on to support housing and furniture bank services in Senate Bill 1530 (Responses)

Name, Title, Organization Name	Testimonial about the importance of furniture bank services:
Molly Hogan, Executive Director, Welcome Home Coalition Caitlin Brown- Family Partnership Advocate, TTSD	People will not stay housed if they do not have the items inside their dwelling that truly make a home, a home. If we want people to be housed safely and with dignity, we must invest in ensuring everyone has access to furniture and household essentials.
Andre Jaurigui, housing program specialist, Impact NW Lauren Maland, Career Coach, New Avenues for Youth	Community Warehouse and similar services are essential in providing equitable housing resources to people who are just getting out of homelessness. These resources make a huge difference to clients
Mandee Campos, Housing Program Manager, Janus Youth Programs Meg Cody, Lead Case Manager, Bybee Lakes Hope Center	In my work, we house young parents with 18 months of rental assistance (usually the birthing parent) who are homelessness and/or fleeing domestic violence. These are usually teen or young adults moving into their first apartment. Resources like community warehouse and other furniture bank services have been essential to these families to start a new chapter with basic household essentials. The majority of these families do not have items to put in their new apartments. This service supports people transitioning into long-term, permanent housing -- it provides access to much-needed resources!
Tova Hershman, Housing Access Assistant Director Kourtney McLeod, Admissions Coordinator, Telecare Jessica Westwood -Housing Navigator- Father's Heart Street Ministry	Many of the clients we help move and exit homelessness absolutely depend on our local furniture bank to furnish their new home! They get essential items like mattresses, dishes, bedding, heaters, etc.
Chloe Cooper, Personal Agent, UCP Connections Carrie Williams Housing Program Supervisor Community Action	Community Warehouse has been a huge support for customers I have worked with.
Dawn Netupsky, program coordinator, Family Support and Connections Heather Romero, Program Manager, Project Patchwork	This service makes all the difference to low income families that are starting over and would otherwise not be able to afford the basic necessities of everyday living. Furniture Bank funding is imperative in the fight to get people off the streets. Use common sense, make the right choice and pass this bill.
Chelsea Farleigh, caseworker, ODHS child welfare Hannah Kachmarek, Lead HCMS Housing Navigator, Greater Good NW	I have had the pleasure of watching numerous parents graduate treatment or gain access to housing, have their children returned, and start over in a new living space. Being able to furnish the apartment for a child's return is indescribable. Access to furniture is something many take for granted but having a designated bed for your child to sleep in, having a couch to watch movies together, or having a dining room table to cook family meals is life changing.
Yasmin (Yaz) Wigfall, Homevisitor and Advocate, Janus Youth Programs- Insights (SEEDS program)	Community Warehouse has been a HUGE support with the families we serve. Many of these pregnant youth and young families rarely have support for furnacing their first home since many expenses go to supporting their babies and themselves. Without this resource, these families would have a dresser to store clothes and baby supplies, plates and kitchen appliances to feed their families, and couches for babies and children to sit on instead of bare floor.
Kalyna Korok (IRCO) Immigrant Refugee Community Organization	This would greatly benefit and help a lot of families in need.
Madison Ray, Program Coordinator, Community Warehouse Mr. Craig Vaughn, Albina Head Start	I work directly with the families that are receiving furniture and services at Community Warehouse and it is always the best feeling to see people turn their new places into homes with our support. More funding would allow us to serve so many more people in our community and provide them with the furnishings they're seeking. Our Albina Head Start organization has had a partnership with "The Community Warehouse" program for decades. Very appreciative.
Rachel Nelson, Director of Educational Initiatives & Associate Director of Community Relations, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland	
Sylvia Lopez- Coordinator Ina Howe, Employment Case Manager, Oregon Tradeswomen	It is really important for us here at Community Warehouse to continue to serve the families in need.. a quote from a 9 yr old little girl who came into the warehouse with her mom to pick out furniture and she tells the case manager, "its not even my birthday and we got all these things for our house, I am so happy" This is the reason why I love doing what we do, helping these families is everything to us. This valuable resource needs our support to continue to provide the supportive, compasionate, organized service, that provides well for their employees.
Jessica Collins Native American Youth and Family Services. Umu Tullah Social Worker, Reynold School District	Furniture banks allow clients to make house a home. Without these services case workers are spending money on new household goods from stores like Walmart because they are cost effective. It's beneficial to keep funds within small businesses and non-profits.

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Serena Howell, Housing Placement Manager, JOIN	The need for accessing furniture bank services is critical in the Portland metro area. Once someone that has experienced chronic homelessness, is approved for housing and reaches the joyous day of move-in, it is essential for individuals to receive access to furniture to make their housing a welcoming and comfortable environment. With the growing cost of living, it is all the more urgent to include funding for community-based partnerships such as furniture banks, so that we can provide access to affordable household goods. I have truly valued our partnership with Community Warehouse over the years and they are a stronghold in our community. I fully support the inclusion of furniture bank services in SB 1530!!
James Patino CMA Multnomah Co DCHS/APD	
Tiffany Eggleton, Lead Domestic Violence Recovery Mentor, Raphael House of Portland	As a survivor I had to utilize Community Warehouse when my kids and I left everything to escape our abuser. It was so important and amazing the support we got in creating our new transition together as a family. I work with hundreds of survivors in the same situation and Community Warehouse has helped so many families I personally work with and in our community. Please pass this Bill, the need is great in our community and families deserve this help.
Tufah Mohammed, teachers assistance	
Maylorie Townsend Success Coach Portland Community College	The low income students I have supported who needed furniture were often single mothers who had to leave their communities and families to keep themselves and their families safe from abusers. With nothing and no Community, they restarted their lives and could not afford beds and other needed items for themselves and their children. Community Warehouse has been a huge asset for these families.
Bethany Katter, Advocacy Services Manager, Raphael House of Portland	furniture banks are the final step in getting someone housed. It turns an apartment into a home and means that families can focus on the next stage of their journey and healing.
Ali Lux- Health Coordinator Assistant	Community warehouse has helped so many of our families throughout the years and is a crucial resource for this community.
Josiah Pepper, Case Manager III, Cascadia Health	
Candi Balabon Peer Supervisor Columbia Community Mental Health	Life changing for people to be successful
Lauren Brimmer Case Manager/DV Advocate YWCA	Many of my clients have recently left their abusers and moved into a home of their own. They often leave with nothing, and often don't even have a bed. Without furniture banks, like Community Warehouse, I don't know what they'd do.
Jill Orr, Executive Director, Clackamas Service Center	Clackamas Service Center strongly relies on furniture bank services and those partnerships to support our unhoused clients getting settled as soon as they get housing.
Ivette Uribe, Bilingual Family Support Specialist, Insights young parent services--Janus Youth	I am currently working with a family who was able to make their house into a home for the holidays. They were housed in late October, early November and were able to decorate and furnish with basic needs in time to enjoy the holidays in a cozy and welcoming home. They continue to enjoy the furniture that community warehouse was able to provide. We need this service for our community and it continues to be of high priority to us to be able to continue to offer these services to the people whom we work with and live with in our communities.
Sara Young, Case Manager, MHA AO	Assisting individuals with building their life in recovery to transition off of street level living, or in the process of completing treatment services being available to more people would assist with better outcomes in my experience.
Olivia Johansson, Quality & Impact Specialist, New Narrative Integrative Mental health	
Beth Hershey, Medical Records and Credentialing Specialist, Outside In	
Morgan Lyons, Behavioral Health Outpatient Manager, Outside In	Without furniture banks, many of my clients wouldn't be have what they need to make any housing they secure useable. I've worked with many folks who moved into housing and then slept on the floor for weeks before they could secure a furniture bank appointment. I can't understate how essential these services are in keeping people in housing.
Meg Miranda, IBH Program Manager, Outside In	
Andrew Davis, Integrated Behavioral Health Counselor at Outside In	
Lisa Hummel, Program Tech, DCHS Transition & Diversion	I have been working in the Multco Nursing Facility Transition & Diversion program for 15 years. I started out as a purchaser of used goods to support clients moving from nursing facilities back out into the community. We've moved nearly 8000 clients back into the community from long term NF stays. Used furniture and new beds is extremely important to have access to for most of these moves as some clients have lived in a NF for years and have no home to go back to and nothing but their clothing. These are Medicaid qualified clients who do not have the financial ability to pay for the basic furniture needed to set them up in an Assisted Living Facility or Residential Community Facility. Also, we just lost one of our only affordable bed resources that using County Transition funds due to that business closing. It's a constant struggle to find used furniture that's free or low cost. Community Warehouse is a place we do refer able-bodied clients to utilize. However, Transition funds do not cover the delivery charge and our clients do not have the money to pay for delivery. Passing this HB may open up the opportunity for Multnomah County to utilize grant funds to pay for the delivery of Community Warehouse household items. Please help us help our most vulnerable community members.
Ericka Young, Revenue Cycle Manager, Outside In	
Ellen Musselman, integrated behavioral health counselor, outside in	

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Rachel Mohr, Personal Agent, Community Pathways	<p>Community Warehouse has helped provided furniture and furnishings for several of my clients who were homeless and getting their own homes, often for the first time. An apartment is an apartment. A house is a house. But what makes a home is the people, memories, and furnishings. You cannot fully live well, if you don't have a bed to sleep on, or sheets, comforters and pillows. You cannot properly prepare meals, if you don't have the right kitchen utensils, pots, and pans, and even microwaves. We often don't think about the after - the after they move into a new place after being homeless. Shelter is important, but also are the necessities that come along with having a home. Furniture is essential for a home for many reasons such as storage, comfort, completing daily activities, and functionality.</p> <p>I highly support furniture banks and I hope you take this all into consideration when considering the passing of this senate bill.</p>
Cathie Coe Sipe	<p>New Each Morning provides post recovery support for women graduates from alcohol and drug treatment programs that face the daily reality barrier for the basic need of housing when leaving a treatment program. The reality of this basic need goes beyond housing, it means that kids need beds to sleep on and furniture to make a house a home. In providing these basic needs we bring hope to the hopeless. We support and acknowledge the passing of Senate Bill 1530 as a means to meet the basic housing needs for the people and families in our communities and state, giving them the opportunity of hope for themselves and their families.</p>
Chelsey steeck, kids pastor, Journey church	<p>Furnish hope is amazing and helps our community so much!</p>
Ranae Staley Executive Director, The Giving Plate	<p>Furnish Hope is an essential and unique program for Central Oregon families working to create places of refuge and comfort.</p>
Jayne Downing, Executive Director, Center for Hope & Safety Cascade AIDS Project	<p>This resource would make a significant difference for survivors of domestic violence working to rebuild their lives.</p>
Jonathan Frochtzvajg, Public-Policy Manager, Cascade AIDS Project	
Lyudmila Boatman, Housing Program Specialist II, Impact NW.	<p>I have seen first hand how much of an impact it makes on a newly housed family when their home is furnished. It relieves so much stress, financial burden, and provides dignity.</p>
Stacey Witte, Executive Director REACH OUT NP	<p>Furnish Hope offers a vital service. They not only offer furnishings but hope for so many people.</p>
Sheccid/ Bilingual Retention Worker/ JOIN	<p>The invaluable support offered by furniture bank services plays a pivotal role in empowering individuals as they transition into new homes. By providing essential furnishings and helping those who have experienced homelessness to stabilize and rebuild, these services are crucial in ensuring long-term housing stability.</p>
Colleen Sinsky, Executive Director, Central Oregon FUSE	<p>As an affordable housing provider, I want to highlight the indispensable role of furniture bank services in our collective efforts to end homelessness in our community. In my 14 years dedicated to transitioning Oregonians from homelessness to permanent housing, I have seen hundreds of families' lives changed forever through the dignity and stability of having a furnished home of their own - an accomplishment only made possible by our furniture bank partners.</p> <p>Though not as visible as shelters or rental assistance programs, furniture banks are a absolutely critical component of Oregon's strategy to tackle homelessness and the affordable housing shortage. Their support is frequently paired with state-funded housing efforts like the "rapid rehousing" resources through Executive Order 23-02 to enable stable housing placements.</p> <p>Our organization supported over 120 families moving into housing in the past year, and I've seen firsthand how the moment that furniture is delivered is truly when the next chapter of their lives can begin. I sincerely appreciate the incredible work that these organizations have done to create homes for our community members who are most in need.</p> <p>I urge you to support Senate Bill 1530, acknowledging and bolstering a vital element of our comprehensive approach to ending homelessness. The passage of this bill is a crucial step forward in ensuring that more families can benefit from the foundational support provided by furniture banks, fostering stability and hope for a better future. Thank you.</p>
Joy Christiansen Founder of Choose Joy Foundation	<p>Furnish hope serves Deschutes County by providing furniture for families transitioning from recovery homes to permanent housing for their children. They truly give so many families a new opportunity every time they furnish a home.</p>
Haseeb Hamidi, Community Engagement Specialist, Afghan Support Network	<p>"Furniture banks provide an invaluable service, transforming empty spaces into warm, welcoming homes for those in need. Witnessing the joy and relief on the faces of families as they select items to furnish their new homes is a reminder of the profound impact these services have. It's not just about the furniture; it's about restoring dignity, providing comfort, and supporting stability for those emerging from challenging circumstances. The importance of furniture bank services cannot be overstated, especially in these times when the need is so great. Oregon Senate Bill 1530 represents a beacon of hope for many, ensuring that individuals and families transitioning into permanent housing can truly make their house a home. Let's stand together to support this vital initiative."</p>
Margarita Solis Ruiz, SHS Case Manager, Bienestar	
Ruin Riggs, Assistant program and resource specialist at WeShine	<p>Furniture banks have been a tremendous help in making sure villagers who leave us for permanent housing are equipped to be as comfortable as they can be. This is especially important because extreme poverty, up to and including homelessness, are traumatic to experience, and I've met people who have been homeless for years. As a worker in homeless services I want my people to have what they need in order to thrive, and not just survive.</p>
Kim McCarty, Executive Director Community Alliance of Tenants	

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JOIN	The community warehouse offers high quality, cost saving access to home furnishings. Everyone wins - housing service providers, low-income households and donors! Please support this amazing organization, it's a sensible investment for all .
Jericho Road	
Children Family & Community Connections	From Veterans, Houseless, to TANF clients and individuals reestablishing themselves into society have been dependent on these resources! Please support them!
Housing Works FSS Program Manager	This service allows low-income families to avoid the debt trap of having to finance furniture to meet their basic needs. A roof over your head is great, but having a pillow to lay your head on is just as important.
Colleen Nakanishi; Social Services Manager; Tigard-Tualatin School District	
Makietha Gross Going Home 2	I am a Case Manager for Going Home 2. I always like the looks on my clients faces when we enter and go shopping at the Community Furniture Warehouse. When I get assigned a client that is trying to get their life back on track it brings me joy knowing i can help them climb that ladder to success. After the clients get housed, they get a chance to shop for their new home and feel some self worth. about themselves. I love knowing that there is help out here to help our community get back on the right track. Some clients have never experienced how it feels to have a key to open a door to a place they can call home. Then there are some that just needed that little push to get started coming from a long road from recovery and mental health. When we have clients that just need a fresh start at life and they come to Going Home 2 and the finally get to feel life back in them brings a feeling I cannot explain. So I feel the furniture warehouse was the greatest idea anyone could have come up with. rent and bills are so high these days that when our clients get their first pay check and start saving then comes them paying rent and they barely get enough to do the things they need to do to feel at home.. The furniture warehouse gives our clients a jump start. I appreciate everything they do at the Community Furniture Warehouse. I remember when I first moved here and I got my place. i had a case manager that put in a referral for me. My face lit up with joy. It really helped me especially when I had 4 kids that I had to provide for. We all deserve a fresh start at life especially where we come from. So Thank you to all the people who help keep the Community Furniture Warehouse up and running. Furniture really comes in handy when you can't afford it especially when you have a big family. So all the funds that are donated that will help the community is strongly appreciated. God is in control and he will meet our needs according to his word. Amen.
Alaina Elwyn, Family Partnership Advocate, Tigard-Tualatin Family Resource Center	I am so thankful to Community Warehouse for helping my families furnish their homes. Being able to afford an apartment/house is difficult enough, and it's wonderful that these families don't have to worry about spending as much money afterwards when it comes to furniture. This is a tangible, meaningful way to positively impact the lives of families in our community.
Shannon Triplett, Family Advocate, Tigard Tualatin School District	My families benefit from having this service available to them.
Lionette Kelly, SUN Youth Advocate, Metropolitan Family Service	
Adrian Furlow-Marciniak, Substance Use Peer Support Specialist at Outside In	
Elizabeth Marino. Family Partnership Advocate. TTSD	Community Warehouse has proven to be an invaluable resource for families who are new to the school district or transitioning into independent living after experiencing periods of housing instability. This support is particularly vital for our low-income families, given the prohibitive costs of furniture in today's market. Many families find themselves unable to afford these essential items, making Community Warehouse a crucial asset. The impact of this resource extends beyond providing furniture; it plays a significant role in creating a stable and supportive environment for families who have faced housing challenges. By alleviating the financial burden associated with furnishing a home, Community Warehouse contributes to the overall well-being and dignity of these families. We are truly grateful for the assistance provided by Community Warehouse, as it aligns with our commitment to ensuring that every family, regardless of their financial circumstances, has the opportunity to establish a comfortable and welcoming home. The partnership with Community Warehouse is a testament to our shared dedication to the welfare of our students and their families.
Victor Romo/Family Partnership Advocate/TTSD	Thank you for your ongoing support and for making a positive impact on the lives of those in our community.
Elise Ternier - Our Just Future	
Julie Ibrahim, CEO, New Narrative	
Sara Fujii, Mobile Clinic Coordinator, Outside In	
Priscilla Peduzzi	Community Warehouse supports families to get back on their feet as they are coming out of homelessness. Funding for programs like this helps solidify peoples stability and prevents them from going back into a houseless situation.
Full Access High Desert	Furnish Hope helps people overcome one more barrier to reaching independence. Please support SB 1530.
Trevor Newhart, Finance Specialist, JOIN	

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Kimberly Lemman, Executive Director, St. Francis Family Housing	
Heidi White, Housing Advocate with Community Vision	
Elizabeth Baca	This is an essential service to our families, please, please fund furniture bank services.
Jennifer McCloskey, Instructor, Outside In	
Meg Bender, Housing Case Manager, Impact NW	Furniture banks are so so needed. Our program is unable to pay for new furniture and we work on housing literally homeless individuals and families. It is so amazing to be able to furnish an apartment or house with great quality items. I love Community Warehouse!!
Kathy Kniep, Organizer & Housing Navigator, PDX Housing Solidarity Project	
Liz Broberg, Social Worker, Cascadia	
Montserrat Shepherd, Senior Case Manager, Multnomah County Behavioral Health Department	The positive impact that Community Warehouse has made in Portland is unmeasurable giving access to people to start over providing low cost furniture.
Daisy Ruiz, Family Partnership Advocate, Tigard Tualatin School District	Words can't begin to express what a difference having Community Warehouse has made to our newly homed families. Being able to have a provide them with a bed to sleep on, a place to eat with your family, all with the care and compassion that Community Warehouse staff give. Big thanks!!
Sarah Carlson, Medical Social Worker	I work in social services in Portland and we desperately need these resources. Thank you for your support.
Nelly Mandujano, Family Partnership Advocate, TTSD	Community Warehouse is an amazing resource and support to many families. Looking back at the many times families received support from this organization I am not sure that these families would have had any other option to obtain furniture and other household items. I really hope that CW receives this grant.
Sonya Newstrom CADDC1 QMHAR Housing Specialist NARA	I find the need to take clients to this agency for help with furniture when they are moving in. Most of my clients are being housed after being on the streets and have nothing to sleep on or use in their new home.
Evelyn McLean, Home Visitor, Insights Young Parenting Program	As a social worker working with young parents, if our clients are able to get housing we frequently refer them to the single furniture bank in Portland that can help them get set up to actually live in their new places. Without these services many families would be without the essential elements of living -a desk, a chair, a bed, a table - the objects that can make an empty someone's new home.
Issa Ubidia-Luckett, Housing Coordinator, Black and Beyond the Binary Collective	
Rebecca Rascoe, Retention Worker, JOIN	
Victory Hall, Program Coordinator, REACH CDC	Without the option of having furniture bank services, many residents would live without the bare necessities they need to make a meal, take a shower, or have a place to sit in their home not to mention sleep. They are starting with nothing in most cases. This gives them the beginning they need to sustain their housing. These services are vital.
Jenny Salo, SSVF Program Supervisor, Impact NW	CW is the first step to stabilizing our clients once they have been approved for housing. It's a huge resource that our clients need to be successful in permanent housing.
Mona Hayes, Chief Communications and Resource Development Officer, Catholic Community Services of the Mid-Willamette Valley & Central Coast	
Rahana Bear, Case Manager, Beacon Village Shelter	Thank you
Courtney Richardson Family service worker Head Start	The Community Warehouse has furnished so many of my families homes. Families That were previously homeless, or staying in shelters. The joy the families get out of having the Opportunity to furnish their homes for their families. I can't imagine how many families will end up struggling to furnish their homes if the Community Warehouse is unable to support the community the way they do. I support the Community Warehouse.

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<p>Travis Forrest, Executive Director, Abilitree</p>	<p>I am writing on behalf of Abilitree, a Center for Independent Living in Central Oregon, to fervently recommend the inclusion of Furnished Hope services in Senate Bill 1530. Our organization is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives, and we believe that the inclusion of Furnished Hope is crucial in addressing the housing stability challenges faced by the community and individuals we support.</p> <p>Abilitree strongly advocates for the comprehensive and inclusive approach that Senate Bill 1530 represents in addressing housing stability issues. In particular, we emphasize the critical role that Furnished Hope plays in providing essential furnishings for individuals and families transitioning from homelessness or adverse situations.</p> <p>Our collective experience in supporting individuals with disabilities has highlighted the significance of having a fully furnished and comfortable living space. Unfortunately, many of the individuals we serve face barriers in accessing the necessary furnishings to establish a dignified home. Furnished Hope's services are pivotal in filling this gap and ensuring that everyone, regardless of ability, has equal access to a stable and well-equipped living environment.</p> <p>The demand for Furnished Hope services has seen a substantial increase, reflecting the growing challenges associated with affordable housing and homelessness. It is evident that individuals with disabilities, in particular, face additional hurdles in securing appropriate furnishings to meet their unique needs. By incorporating Furnished Hope into Senate Bill 1530, we can address this disparity and provide vital support to those who need it most.</p> <p>Research consistently underscores the positive impact of well-furnished homes on the physical and mental well-being of residents, contributing to stable housing over time. Furnished Hope not only addresses a critical need within our community but also aligns with our shared mission of fostering independence and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities.</p> <p>Abilitree strongly urges you to consider and support the inclusion of Furnished Hope in Senate Bill 1530. By doing so, we can collectively contribute to building a more inclusive, accessible, and supportive community for individuals with disabilities in Central Oregon.</p> <p>We appreciate your attention to this matter and stand ready to collaborate with legislators and community partners to ensure the success of Senate Bill 1530 with the inclusion of Furnished Hope. Thank you for your dedication to addressing the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and creating a more inclusive future for all Oregonians.</p>
<p>Cameron Foster, Director of Programs, JOIN</p>	
<p>Clarice Jordan, Family Housing Advocate, NAYA Family Center</p>	<p>Furniture helps make 4 walls and a ceiling feel more like home, which helps with mental health.</p>
<p>Mariela Santiago, Housing Navigator, HomePlate Youth Services</p>	
<p>Eric Owens Family Advocate Albina Head Start</p>	<p>Very important for family to have access to help which can be life saving and changing</p>
<p>Emmy Ritter, Executive Director, Raphael House of Portland</p>	<p>Furniture banks are critical partners in our work serving survivors of domestic violence. Families transitioning out of our shelter and into safe new homes are often starting over with nothing. It's thanks to our partnership with Community Warehouse here in Portland that survivors can pick out the necessities – like beds, seating, lighting, and dressers – that make an empty space into a warm home.</p> <p>Our agency doesn't have the infrastructure or capacity to manage donations, storage, and transport of these large items. We rely on partners like Community Warehouse to connect families with these essential furnishings, and are grateful for the phenomenal service their agency provides.</p> <p>We strongly support Section 5 of SB 1530 and funding for nonprofit furniture banks across our state, which are a critical aspect of housing stability services.</p>
<p>Cheree Carr, Case Mgr, CCC-Old Town Recovery Center</p>	<p>It is a blessing to have an organization who helps others get back on their feet. I was one of them today. Today with God's Grace I have 10 yrs Clean, a good job, family & friends. When I bring clients to the Community Warehouse and they get to pick out what is needed for their home. There is a light that goes off in them; they leave grateful and with Hope.</p>
<p>Gwenn Wysling, Executive Director Bethlehem Inn</p>	<p>Bethlehem Inn is an emergency shelter serving adults and families. The services that Furnish Hope provides for residents as they transition from a shelter to their home is a game changer for all involved. The gratitude and inspiration experienced by those who work hard to get a new start and land in a stable environment helps to prevent them from falling back into homelessness. This investment is an insurance policy in helping to break the cycle of homelessness. Furnish Hope and other furniture banks provide a vital service in what they do and how they do it.</p>