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I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Maslow Project particularly HB 3079 Youth experiencing homelessness. My name is Sarah Hood and when I first came in contact with the maslow project I was in dire straits. I was living on a non converted school bus with my 8 year old and two dogs while also pregnant with twins. The bus had become overcome with mold which left me with a cough for months and gave my daughter severe ear infections. We had to get out, it was an emergency, but there was no way i could afford to do it on my own. Our vehicle at the time was also on its last leg and I couldn't stretch my student grants far enough to get us into a better situation. I also could not get a part time job due to being pregnant with twins and also very ill from the black mold. I did not know what we would do and most shelters will not even accept pets. The maslow project got us an emergency motel room and helped us to get into a place to rent. The help I have received from the maslow project is the first chance I have had in years to be able to get on my feet. For years now, we have struggled, moving from rv to rv to the cruddy bus situation. I got very lucky with my rental that I found as it is zoned residential and business and is in a great location. The landlord has given me permission to open a plant nursery and florist shop while living here. I believe that this is my first real chance at building something to support my family and escape poverty so that ideally I wont always need government funding to survive. None of this would be possible without the grant I received from them. I believe I am a true success story because I am taking the help that the maslow project is giving me and using it as a tool to get ahead in life, so that I do not end up in a terrible situation with my children ever again. Again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude. The maslow project has changed my life and given me hope. It feels so good to be living in a real house after struggling for so long.