

## REAL LIFE EXAMPLE

### A Place to Call Home

Adina and her mother were on the brink of becoming homeless. Their housing voucher was terminated two years ago, and they were denied for every apartment they applied for because of Adina's mother's poor credit history and criminal background. They were sleeping on couches and staying with friends just to get by. When Adina reached out to a WorkLife Navigator, she felt like she was running out of options.

Since Adina was under the age of 18, her mother was required to be the primary lessee on any lease agreement. To address this requirement, the WorkLife Navigator began coaching Adina on how to talk to landlords about her mother's credit history and background. Once Adina felt confident having these conversations, she began reaching out to landlords of properties near her place of work. The Navigator also referred Adina to Neighbor to Neighbor—a housing search and rental assistance program. The organization agreed to assist Adina with \$500 toward her first month's rent once she secured an apartment. While Adina was researching housing options, the Navigator contacted the Salvation Army. After learning about Adina's situation, they agreed to pay an additional \$300 toward Adina's security deposit.

Just one week after contacting the Navigator for help, Adina was excited to report that she had found a landlord who was willing to rent her an apartment. With \$800 secured, Adina and her mother were able to move into their own apartment after not having one for nearly two years.

**Now that she has a place to call home, Adina can focus on her job and graduating from high school.**