



Ending homelessness  
in Brisbane one person,  
one family at a time

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## REBECCA



Above: Rebecca and Jeannie, July 2014.

When the 500 Lives 500 Homes Registry team interviewed Rebecca in March, she'd just arrived from hospital after giving birth to her daughter, Jeannie.

Rebecca has three other children, one of whom also lives with her. She has struggled to maintain permanent tenancy for many years, due to a combination of addiction and mental health issues. For the past five years, she's lived in boarding houses,

slept in cars and on the streets, or stayed with friends, etc., in Queensland and in NSW.

With the support of the Families Team at Micah Projects and the Department of Housing, however, Rebecca signed the lease on a rental property in Woodridge in mid-April.

The team assisted Rebecca with all the paperwork, filling out the 500 Lives 500 Homes survey and the lease applications for her accommodation. Rebecca was given assistance in furnishing her apartment, and the support she needed to improve her physical and mental wellbeing.

Rebecca has been trying to get secure housing for years, and really appreciates the ongoing support she is being given to maintain her tenancy. "It's made a huge difference," she says. "It's amazing to be together and stable with my children, and I just wish my other two could come and live with me, too."

Rebecca is keen to purchase a vehicle for herself, to increase her mobility and make it easier to keep in touch with her children.

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