# Almost HOME

Sheltering Buffalo County's Homeless Families



**1993** Western Dairyland opens a homeless shelter in Mondovi, offering a temporary home to one family at a time. **2007** After a fire, the shelter is relocated but stays in Mondovi. The average family is housed for 45 days before moving out. **2022** Due to budget restrictions, the shelter is closed and resources are allocated to neighboring counties.

**2023** A capital campaign is started to buy a house in Mondovi, with the goal of reopening the shelter in 2025.

Help us provide shelter for Buffalo County's homeless families - Learn more at WesternDairyland.org/AlmostHome



### who needs shelter?

We help familes with children who lack permanent housing. They may be couch-surfing, sleeping in a vehicle, or temporarily staying with friends. The average family consists of a single parent with 2 or 3 young children, and they stay in our shelter for 30 to 60 days.



#### what will it look like?

Our shelter will be a single-family, fully furnished house that blends in with the neighborhood. There are no signs or large groups of people. Every effort is made to maintain the privacy of the family staying there, and most casual observers will never know it's a homeless shelter.

## Why Buffalo County?

We currently have no homeless shelters in Buffalo County. Our primary goal is to provide temporary shelter for local families. We then help them move into permanent housing in their preferred community, while allowing their children to stay in the local school district.



## How can you help?

Make a donation online, or contact us for more information. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 by the end of 2024 and purchase a single-family house in the city of Mondovi by January 2025.

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