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Our biggest  
need:

- New queen  
mattresses,  
mattress pads  
and sheets
- Sponsoring  
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# THE WAY



Pictured above: Jenessa & Jacob Fillipi Family

## Home Sweet Home.....

Most have heard the expression and know the feeling of comfort associated with being in one's own space. Jenessa Fillipi was seeing children, as a school counselor, who did not know what that felt like and decided to take action. She and her husband Jake, recruited other family, friends and community members, which has given power to their vision for Down Home. Their mission is to provide furnishings and décor for families transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing.

After a chat with Charlene Kuznia, Jenessa's mom and often the face of Down Home, you can see there is a whole lot of energy, passion and gratitude for not only what the community has done for their clients, but the immense gift they have personally received in providing this service.

Impact: "We expect to serve about 20 clients in our first year. We served our first client on Dec. 23, 2017, it was the best Christmas present for that family and ours."

Biggest surprise/obstacle thus far: "We grew way faster than we expected in terms of space and the need for funds.

We learned a lot during the Hoedown for Homes, our first large fundraiser. We are so grateful for all who have gotten us this far."

Final design touches: "We leave a Welcome Basket in every home with some food items and a note to the client signed by the team thanking them for allowing us to serve them. We like to incorporate a cross into every home, because without God, none of this would be possible."



Pictured above: The DH move in team