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## Family of 17 Moves into New Home.

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The family of 17 that lost its home to fire in Red Shirt, moved into a new one Tuesday night.

Mission of Love, a charity organization, brought in the modular homes five days ago.

Almost a month ago the fire took the home and Mary Fast Wolf said she would keep her family together no matter what.

"When we lost the house I didn't know what my mom was going to do. I know she was frustrated and trying to keep us all together and doing the best she could," said Duggan Fast Wolf, one of Mary's 15 adopted children.

In the mean time, the family stayed at a relatives' house or in tents on their lawn.

This shows how hard they will try to stay together, said Mary Fast Wolf.

But now they have a home.

"It's a beautiful home, it's a great home, we've got a lot of room again," said Varden Fast Wolf, the father.

He said every one of the children helped to build it and some even took days off of school to help.

"They're just as eager to come home as we are too," he said.

He said there is still work to do; they still need a septic system and running water.

Now, Mary and Varden Fast Wolf said they are content to just sleep under their own roof.

"I'm looking forward to my first night here," Varden said.

The Fast Wolfs said they are closer because of the experience, in loosing together and working to rebuild together.

They said being together is most important to them.

"Now we know we have somewhere to come home to, you know, somewhere we can all stay together and be a family again," said Lakota Breeze Fast Wolf, their daughter.

If you wish to help the Fast Wolf family, contact your local Red Cross or bring donations to the Salvation Army on Cherry Street.



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