

# 2 families sought for 6 months free apartment rent

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For the second year in a row, two Lawton families will get a helping hand for the holidays — and their benefactors want the public's help to find them.

The Continuum of Care, a Housing and Urban Development program, and Professional Property Management and Consultants, LLC, are looking for two local families who deserve a new start.

Continuum of Care Director Jervis Jackson said two families will be chosen to each receive six months free rent on a two-bedroom apartment at Motif Manor, assistance with

utilities, furniture, groceries and educational and vocational assistance.

Jackson asked the public to nominate families who need help, by calling Lisa Hayden at Motif Manor, 248-1800. All nominations are due by Dec. 5.

He said they are looking for families who are willing to work hard in order to be self-sufficient after the six months are over.

The two families chosen will have to be able to pass the normal criminal background check required to live at Motif Manor, and the adults will be required to participate in a family self-sufficiency program through the Continuum of Care.

To nominate a local family for six months of free rent on a two-bedroom apartment at Motif Manor apartments and other assistance, call Lisa Hayden, 248-1800.

"We do a wraparound of services," Jackson said.

Representatives from the Continuum will sit down with the family members and de-

velop goals and a long-term plan. Then the Continuum will help the families find whatever assistance they need to achieve their goals.

Last year's two families managed to become self-sufficient after the six-month period.

"With each of them, that six months provided a bridge to the next thing for them," Jackson said.