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At the age of 38yrs old I unexpectedly had gotten pregnant with my one and only child. It was 2020. Also the year of Covid that shut the world down but not everyone was safe at home. On September 8, 2020 I lost my home in one of Oregon's most devastating wildfires. I lost everything I owned in the Almeda Fire of Southern Oregon. I was 4mo pregnant at the time. The devastation was so grave there were no hotels, motels, etc available in the area. FEMA came and gave us some relief but not much. After about 4mo I received a place to stay temporarily. During this time my pregnancy became extremely complicated and I was in and out of the hospital. I was even supposed to be on bedrest but had no bed for resting. It is now January of 2025 and I still haven't recovered. I was forced out of the area, with my infant son, due to the lack of places and resources available. We still do not have stable housing. He was born prematurely on Christmas Day 2020. In this economy, after total loss and devastation, it has become clear that I will struggle more than I ever have before. He and I share not only a bedroom, but also a bed because that's all I have been able to do for us. The trauma is hard enough to deal with but to have to rebuild a life from nothing with the trauma is nearly impossible for a solo parent. We need help, many like us need help. Thank you for your time. Kristie Bassett Almeda Fire victim
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