

Community SOLUTIONS

See how your generosity is helping local families!

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Michelle and her kids are safe and home at last

With your help, they found lasting safety, stability and healing from the abuse

When Michelle bravely decided to leave her abusive partner, she faced an uncertain future.

Moving through multiple county shelters with her children, she worked tirelessly to keep them safe, support their education, and help them heal from the trauma. It was overwhelming.

"Life was very tough and at some point, it felt hopeless, overwhelming, and lonely with no support," she says. "I was just trying to survive day by day...not able to think of tomorrow."

Thanks to your generous support, when Michelle was referred to Community Solutions, she found more than temporary shelter. She found consistent care, advocacy, healing, and a safe path forward.



Your support provided Michelle and her kids with safe shelter, consistent support, stable housing, therapy, and more. Thanks to you, they are safe today and healing from years of abuse.

Although she had been given referrals and resources along the way, Michelle still struggled to heal from the years of abuse and trauma.

What she needed most was consistent support from someone who truly understood her experience.

Working 1-on-1 with a

domestic violence advocate, Michelle had someone checking in regularly, offering encouragement, and helping her navigate the next steps toward safety and stability.

Over time, through peer counseling, she felt safe enough to open up and

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"I am in my own home, me and my children are in therapy, getting connected to resources that are available and [I'm] learning to love myself." — Michelle, age 34

FROM THE CEO



*Rachel Montoya
President & CEO*

You've given the gifts of safety and stability

For families and individuals facing the seemingly overwhelming obstacles of violence in the home or mental illness and addiction, a happy home and future often feel impossible.

From gifts of emergency shelter or groceries to address a family's immediate needs, to your steady support of our programs that build long-term safety, healing and stability, your kindness is creating brighter futures for local families.

Of behalf of Michelle and Anthony—and so many other families—thank you for giving the gifts of safety, healing, stability, and hope!

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begin processing her trauma and envisioning a future beyond survival.

Your generosity helped Michelle make this future possible. While at the shelter, she enrolled in a housing program designed to provide lasting stability for survivors of domestic violence. Finally, a more permanent solution was on the horizon.

Through the Love Never Fails business program, Michelle earned certifications in IT Security and Customer Support. She also received professional clothing, financial education, and career development support. Her children proudly celebrated alongside her at graduation.

Today, Michelle and her children have a home of their own. They continue participating in therapy, attending support programs, and building a stable future together.

With the security of permanent housing and a strong support network, Michelle can finally focus on deeper healing and self-growth. She smiles more now, and her outlook is bright.

Michelle shares this message for others facing similar struggles: "There is always hope... even if you feel there is no way out, you will be okay."

With your support, survivors like Michelle don't just find shelter, they find safety, healing, opportunity, and hope for a brighter future. What a gift!



Thanks to you, Michelle and her kids can now enjoy time together without fear of abuse or wondering where they will spend the night.

A dad rebuilds his life

Thank you for making Anthony's story of recovery and healing possible

"My life was in shambles," says Anthony, 47. "I had no direction, no structure, no foundation. I was reckless."

When Anthony was court-referred to Community Solutions, he was struggling with homelessness, addiction, and untreated mental illness – including recent suicide attempts.

But one of the darkest points in his life was also a beginning.

Thanks to your support, Anthony was finally able to get the care and support he needed to address his mental health, find stability, and begin to rebuild his life.

A transitional housing placement gave Anthony something he hadn't had in a long time: safety. With a stable place to sleep and a team walking alongside him, he slowly began to rebuild.

"I learned how to be self sufficient," he says. "I learned structure and how to be accountable for my actions."

As he engaged in treatment, accessed resources, and worked through his trauma, Anthony rediscovered parts of himself he thought were gone. He found work, regained confidence, and reconnected with his children.

Today, he dresses with care, speaks with clarity, and is committed to showing up as a father.

"I am looking at life a lot different," he says. "I'm not taking life for granted. I'm using the steps of meetings to better myself, to be a

better father, person, and friend."

Anthony recently started



Thanks to you, Anthony has turned his life around. He is proud of his sobriety, new job, and apartment where he can raise his son.

working as a commercial truck driver and is preparing to move into his own apartment, where he plans to raise his son. His future is no longer something to fear—it's something he's building.

"I learned to take everything a day at a time and not be so hard on myself, to learn from all the positive experiences I've had." — Anthony, age 47

Thank you for giving Anthony the compassion, care and support he needed to begin again.

Holiday gifts needed for local children

You can help make a child's wishes come true!

The holidays are coming up fast and children are busy making their holiday wish lists. But too many local families are struggling just to make ends meet right now.

Parents are worried. How do you tell your child there will be no gifts for the holidays this year?

Local families are struggling to keep up with the soaring costs of groceries, gas and rent. Parents are working hard to make ends meet but there's nothing left for extra expenses, not even for the holidays.

A donation of just \$50 or more today can provide gifts and other needed resources to help make a child's holiday wishes come true.

What's more, **your donation before November 20th will be doubled** thanks to a special \$5,000 matching gift!



Your donation today will provide gifts and other needed resources to help make a child's holiday wishes come true.

In addition to gifts, your donation will provide other important resources for the holidays like groceries for a favorite meal, blankets, heaters, warm pajamas, and more ... all the things that help a child feel cozy and safe for the holidays.

Remember, your gift doubles if received by November 20th. Please give generously today to help make a child's holiday wishes come true!

Matching gift expires November 20th!

URGENT: Holiday Gifts match donation!

☒ **Yes, Rachel!** I want my gift **DOUBLED** to provide gifts and other needed resources to make a child's holiday wishes come true. Enclosed is my gift of:

- ☐ **\$25**, which **DOUBLES** to \$50 to provide holiday gifts for 1 local child
- ☐ **\$50**, which **DOUBLES** to \$100 to provide holiday gifts for 2 local children
- ☐ **\$75**, which **DOUBLES** to \$150 to provide holiday gifts for 3 local children
- ☐ \$ _____ which **DOUBLES** to provide holiday gifts for as many children as possible!

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