



**Even in a year marked by uncertainty and shifting resources,
your support made stability for families like this possible:**

Bridge to Home Transitional Housing Spotlight

When **Aretina**, a mother of three entered our Bridge to Home transitional housing program, she was navigating homelessness while working hard toward a better future for her family. With stable housing, supportive services, and the space to focus, she completed her LPN degree, was hired for a great job, and moved into a home of her own. Today, she earns six times what she did at program entry and has the tools, confidence, and stability to look ahead to the future with her family and thrive. What once felt out of reach is now their everyday reality.

Going Home Rental Assistance Spotlight

Melissa arrived at AAHS to our Almost Home emergency shelter from a surrounding county, after sleeping in her car with her children and unsure of where they would go next. She and her children were welcomed into our shelter and felt the warmth and support from their first day here. Soon, she found steady work and was approved for an apartment and moved into her own home through our Going Home rental assistance program. Today, her family is thriving in their home, continuing to receive monthly support through Going Home visits. Her children are safe, settled, and loving their new neighborhood. And even better? They became good friends with the kids they stayed in shelter with and left planning their next sleepovers as they settled into their new homes.

Strengthening Home Family Enrichment Spotlight

During her time in our Bridge to Home program, **Ashley** found not only housing support as she pursued her education, but also respite through our family enrichment services. While volunteers tutored her children and engaged them in fun, enriching activities each week, Ashley was given the chance to pause, regroup, and focus on what came next. Because her family felt welcomed and supported in this space, stability began to take root through each kids' group and shared moment of care. Today, her children are settling in, thriving, and safe, knowing their entire family is supported as they work toward lasting stability.

Almost Home Emergency Shelter Spotlight

Joanna and her children came to our Almost Home emergency shelter during a time of deep uncertainty. From the moment they arrived, they were welcomed and supported, but unfortunately independent housing was not yet their reality. After leaving shelter, the family patch-worked stays with relatives and friends while housing options continued to unfold. Even though their stay within our shelter was limited due to federal/state grant requirements, support did not stop. Carla, their case manager remained a steady source of encouragement and advocacy. One afternoon, the family stopped by simply to reconnect, the children played in a safe, familiar space while their mom received reassurance and support. While they played, Joanna received a long-awaited call: a housing offer from a waitlist Carla had helped her advocate for a few months back. Tears of joy sprung up for Joanna, her children and their case manager Carla as they celebrated the news. It was a full-circle moment, showing that at AAHS, care continues even after shelter ends.

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