

HOME is celebrating lives changed thanks to our tireless team and supporters like **YOU**. Enjoy reading about some of our guest successes made possible by “The Light is Always On” funding from last year.

**Derica**

mother of one, grandmother of two

Derica has a familiar story. A series of events caused her to lose her home which put her in the scary and vulnerable position of sleeping in her car. She never thought she would end up homeless, asking for help. It wasn't easy adjusting to the expectations of the HOME Program after being independent her whole life.



We worked with Derica to keep her encouraged and centered. She was able to save money, received career advice, and secured a new job. After several months, Derica found housing and is very grateful for HOME—its love and care that kept her faith strong.



**Monica**

mother of one



Monica came to us after being homeless for almost two years. The stress of being homeless exacerbated her depression, and hopelessness dominated her thoughts. After coming to HOME, she started to focus on her mental health and soon felt comfortable getting help. She told us she also needed accountability for her budgeting in order to stretch her disability income.

She is now thriving and volunteering at Fifth Street Ministries. She moved into subsidized housing and was able to regain custody of her son. Now he has his own bedroom. The relief of having stable housing allowed her to set new goals. She quit smoking after a 38-year habit and increased her credit score by almost 300 points.

\*Names and photos are modified to protect identities

**Ava**

single woman

Ava is 23 years old and came to us from the foster care system with no money, no job history, and no life skills. Because she had to move frequently, Ava never received consistent care or attention to her mental health. Without a family, she needed emotional support as well as housing.



At HOME, Ava received free counseling and a full mental health evaluation which allowed her to pursue benefits. Hours were spent practicing job interviewing and creating a resume. She graduated from the FeedNC Culinary Program and secured her first job. Ava now lives independently and has re-connected with a sister whom she hadn't seen in years.

**Jasmine**

single woman



Jasmine experienced severe loss which perpetuated her life in generational poverty. When she came to HOME, she was employed but had no savings and was living day to day. Without a car or driver's license, a significant part of her budget was spent on Uber. HOME provided her with transportation to work, saving her hundreds a month. After Jasmine learned budgeting skills, she saved over \$6,000 during her stay.

She accomplished her biggest goal by learning to drive with lessons from staff member, Donna. Jasmine got her license at age 40. Through a partnership with Christian Mission, she was gifted a used car via the Drive to Thrive Program. This determined lady said, “I would have never pushed myself and gotten my license or my own place if I hadn't come to HOME.”

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*Katie's own words...*

*I'm NOT To Sure what to say about the HOME House + staff. It would probably turn into a novel. I got brought in @ my lowest of lows. I had chance after chance to change my life and really felt like this was my last opportunity to change things around. My kids and I were welcomed in with the most loving + caring support group. The staff bent over backwards + pulled strings just to help you out. I now have a 3 bedroom house + law my kids + I can live comfortably in. I couldn't have done it without you!! AT Times I wasn't always easy to deal with but @ the end of the day you were still there for me. A True Blessing and miracle this place is! I look forward to hearing more happy endings. I THANK THE ONE ABOVE FOR bringing you into my life!*

**Katie**

mother of two

Katie is not our typical success story. Sometimes guests aren't quite ready for the rules and accountability of HOME. She was discharged from HOME after only two months. Katie understood why and managed to keep her positive attitude and sense of humor. She remained in communication, was respectful, and wanted to stay on course to get her own place.



HOME continued to work with Katie through our AfterCare Program. We were thrilled to get her placed in a three-bedroom, income-based apartment furnished by Beds for Kids, Nest Homes, and private individuals. Katie now has a savings account and has received a pay raise at her warehouse job. Most importantly, she regained partial custody of her children.



We need your help to continue to change lives of families who live in our community. Our The Light is Always On annual fundraiser is critical to keeping HOME operational.

**We are \$12,125 short of our goal of \$50,000.**

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