

A Small Investment, A Life-Changing Moment: Angel's Story



Angel & Family

When Angel was facing one of the most difficult chapters of her life, she never stopped working to keep her family together.

A mother of three young children, Angel, had recently lost stable housing and found herself sharing a single bedroom while trying to maintain a sense of normalcy for her daughters. Each day required a carefully coordinated routine. She drove one of her children's fathers to work, dropped two daughters off at child care, arranged care for her third child, worked her part-time job, and then gathered everyone back together at the end of the day.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding her family's living situation, Angel remained focused on finding permanent housing and creating stability for her children. When an apartment became available sooner than expected, she saw an opportunity to give her family a fresh start. The challenge was coming up with the move-in costs needed to secure the apartment.

Angel was familiar with the Early Childhood Resource Center through participation in programming designed for parents, such as our weekly Coffee Hours and Parent Cafes. That connection led her to reach out, and through Concrete Supports funding, the Early Childhood Resource Center was able to provide \$300 toward her housing expenses, helping remove a critical barrier at a pivotal moment.

For many families struggling to make ends meet, an unexpected expense can quickly derail progress toward stability. In Angel's case, timely financial assistance helped ensure that a long-awaited housing opportunity did not slip away.

Overwhelmed with relief, she shared her gratitude with our staff:

"You are all amazing on any day of the week, but you're literally a miracle I've prayed for right now."

Today, Angel and her children are one step closer to the stable future she has worked so hard to build.

Angel's story highlights the importance of flexible support for working families. Through the generosity of donors, public funding partners, and community supporters, we are able to respond when families face urgent challenges. Sometimes the difference between ongoing crisis and a new beginning is a helping hand at exactly the right time.