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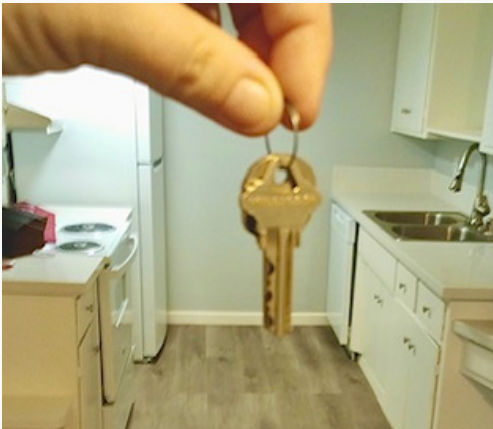
Overcoming Crisis Together

Grace and Nico became homeless shortly after becoming a couple. They lived in their car or in hotels after losing the rental where Grace had lived for almost 18 years.

Grace learned she was pregnant and they felt an immense pressure to get stable housing before their child was born. A few months before Alexis (3) was born, a friend took them in.

A year after Alexis was born they faced housing crisis once again. The owner of the home was selling the house and they were forced to vacate.

Grace's doctor introduced her to EveryONE Matters Ministries and suggested they apply for the housing program. Because of living on a single income, poor credit, and lack of savings, they were unable to approve for an apartment of their own.



"We were nervous, we didn't know what to expect being in a program like this."

Although they were nervous about being in a program with structure and "rules", they were hopeful that this would help them achieve future stable housing.

Their weekly coaching was extremely vital to their growth and development. They began learning how to have a healthy relationship with money. Learning to save and not live paycheck to paycheck and cut back on things that weren't essential was a learning curve for both of them.

Both Nico and Grace felt both challenged and valued by their case manager as she helped them learn to budget and how to develop and achieve goals.

Grace was able to go back to work for the first time in several years after having been a stay at home mom since her first child Ava had been born.

Nico, who has worked long term at a large retailer, recently completed and passed a test to become a supervisor and is currently in training as a shift lead.

As a mixed family of four, they said their greatest accomplishment was overcoming homelessness together.



"Our biggest accomplishment was being able to do this together."

As a couple and as a family."

After one year in the EMM program, Grace and Nico approved for their first apartment together!

Through EMM's credit repair partner, Blue Water Credit, alongside diligent budgeting they saw an increase in credit and savings. Now they have a place of their own for the first time in their relationship!

They plan to continue moving their life in an upward trajectory as they continue to raise their family.

We look forward to see them continue to reach their future goals as they move into their next season!

Rebuilding Lives Together.

Alleviating and preventing homelessness through housing and hope of a bright future..

In 2023, we will prioritize relationships. We can do so much more together as a community than one agency can do alone!

We will continue to build & strengthen relationships with other non-profits/ agencies for referrals in housing and services, but also with businesses for employment opportunities & vocational training for clients. We strive to expand our donor network in order to increase and sustain our services and meet the increasing needs in our community.

We are asking the community to humbly consider joining the mission through a monthly gift. Whether \$20 or \$200- every dollar serves a neighbor in crisis. Will you partner alongside our mission to alleviate and prevent homelessness? Your sponsorship will include: exclusive discounts at Bru, VIP benefits at our events, a recognition wood panel on our sponsor wall at Bru.

To sign up as a sponsor, please go to our website or use the QR code to the right. Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

A Note from our Director

We all recognize that human beings are more than just a brain and body. The Bible describes it as our soul, strength & mind (Luke 10:27). In science, it is often referred to the mind and body connection.

Our bodies are connected to our spiritual and mental condition. If one of these is at risk, the others are impacted as well. When we have mental health issues or trauma, our bodies can actually be damaged. Alternatively, if we ignore our spiritual needs, our mental health can begin to decline.

With that in mind, I want us to open up the conversation about homelessness and the unique challenge that is presented in order to break the cycle of poverty, **mindset**. *"What we think shapes who we are... Our lives follow the direction of our thoughts."* -Craig Groeschel, Winning the War in Your Mind.

The challenge is, that our body, mind, and spirit are at constant battle. If we think something repeatedly or listen to a lie consistently, we start to change the way we live & the choices we make. For example, a woman has experienced intimate partner violence may have been told she is worthless and has no value outside of her relationship or partner. Over time, those lies begin to impact her actions; she won't leave the abusive situation or she won't seek help because she's useless to anyone anyway. Even after escaping a relationship, to shift her mindset towards thoughts of hope, purpose and value will be her most challenging hurdle.

Changing thought patterns and the way a client see themselves & others is a vital part of healing & moving forward. Through a consistent relationship that builds trust, we can partner alongside someone to lead them towards thinking differently about themselves, their situation, and the world around them. We can provide them an opportunity to shift their future towards growth and healing.

Cassie Leon, Executive Director

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