



impact report

SUMMER 2022

The Past Will Not Define the Future

Anna spent the majority of her childhood in foster care. As a result, a loving, stable and nurturing home were foreign to her when she became pregnant as a teenager.



Regardless of her lack of a healthy parenting example, Anna was determined to provide for her child, "Even though I was a foster kid and a teen mom, I worked hard to not become a statistic."

Studies show that approximately 50% of children born to teen moms who are in foster care, end up in foster care themselves-most before the age of 2. Anna worked multiple jobs working to provide for her family.

"I used to be ashamed of being in foster care, but now I feel it is a part of who I am-I am proud of how far I have come"

When her daughters were 4 & 6 years old, she met Justin. He quickly became a father figure in both of her girls lives. In 2018, they welcomed their third daughter Kaylee into their family.

Justin and Anna have no family support system, and ended up being taken in by friends after being notice to move out 2 weeks after their youngest, Ruthie, was born.

Although grateful for having a roof over their heads, the home was not a safe environment but they were unable to get into a new place of their own with a lack of savings, poor credit and a former eviction.



A school counselor recommended that the couple reach out to EveryONE Matters Ministries.

The day before Thanksgiving of 2021, the family moved into a trailer in EMM's program. Anna described the experience as a "huge relief" knowing her girls were safe once again.

Just 7 months into the program the entire family has made tremendous progress and growth.



"We paid off my eviction this morning and i cried. it's over. i have no barriers to rent anymore."

They paid off their old eviction as well as thousands of dollars in debt that was holding them back from stability.

After being the primary caretaker for their 4 girls, Justin was also able to return to work, greatly increasing their income. They hope to buy their first home as part of their future plans.

"We are starting the recovery process not just financially but within ourselves."

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What's New with Bru?

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Bru is a place where customers become family. We had to say goodbye to one of our favorite team members who moved out of state. Customers came by all day just to celebrate Logan and get in some last minute memories during his final shift.

Our team creates an environment where customers are known and appreciated! Each of our baristas provides excellence-not just in their drink creations-but in serving the community with smiles and infectious joy.

We hope you will join us this summer for a delicious cold brew with a creamy soft top- or try our new Lotus all natural energy drinks!

Bring in your copy of this newsletter and receive 50% off your drink!

Have you joined our monthly sponsor wall? A donation as low as \$25 per month can provide essential services for those in our community experiencing housing crisis. Visit www.everybru.com for details.

A Note from our Director

We have had an eventful first half of 2022!

We have moved in 3 families and 3 families have graduated into more permanent housing! Generous partnerships with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Dignity Health have allowed us to purchase 3 newer trailers.

Because of their and your continued support, we are halfway to our goal of increasing our services by 40% in 2022.

We participated in our first Big Day of Giving, raising close to \$5,500. Thank you to all who were able to participate and make it a success!

This summer, we plan to move in 3 additional families to our program as well as potentially graduate two more.

Please continue to pray for our families, who continue to work tirelessly to learn new skills, saving money, and rebuild their life one step at a time.

Cassie Leon, Executive Director

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Save the Date:

September 12th
**Every Swing Matters Golf
Tournament**
Sierra View Country Club

