

# fellowship housing

## Family Champion Quarterly Update

April 2024

### JESSICA'S FAMILY UPDATE

We're thrilled to welcome Jessica and her three children to Fellowship Housing. Before moving into their new apartment this February, they faced homelessness. Jessica left her previous living situation with her children after her daughter was assaulted. For safety, they lived in their car, driving an hour to Rockford for showers and relying on fast food due to a lack of cooking facilities.

Despite these challenges, Jessica maintains a positive and grateful attitude. She and her children are deeply thankful for their new home and the support of Fellowship Housing. Soon after moving in, Jessica attended an IEP meeting at her son's school. With tears in her eyes, the teacher shared that her nine-year-old son was so thrilled about their new home that he danced while talking about having a bed to sleep in. Jessica is grateful to now have a place where she can cook healthy meals and shower.

Jessica has set ambitious goals for her time at Fellowship Housing: raising her credit score from 580 to 700, increasing her savings from zero to \$20,000, and eliminating her \$13,000 debt. She dreams of buying a home and is already making strides towards these goals, applying the financial skills she's learned.

### MILA'S FAMILY UPDATE

Despite facing several setbacks in recent months, Mila remains steadfastly positive, believing that she and her daughter are under God's protection. After losing her job, she's been navigating legal challenges, searching for a new place to live, and hunting for employment. To aid in her job search, she's been meeting weekly with a job consultant, Liz Karsten, at our office, who's been instrumental in helping her find suitable opportunities.

Fortunately, Mila received her vacation pay and a substantial tax return, bringing some relief as she sees her savings replenished. She continues to manage her finances prudently and is deeply thankful for the support from Food for Friends, an organization assisting her with grocery expenses. Mila is naturally expressive in her gratitude and recognizes the invaluable role of our partners and Fellowship Housing in her journey.

However, challenges remain as Mila's custody agreement and child support issues are still unresolved. Continued prayers are requested for a resolution that prioritizes her daughter's well-being. These ongoing struggles have understandably taken a toll on Mila's physical, spiritual, and emotional health, though she remains resolute in her positivity. Despite her hardships, she's achieved significant milestones, and we eagerly anticipate celebrating her successes at her June graduation.



**ENTRY DATE:** 2/16/24  
**OCCUPATION:** Bus Driver

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### GOALS

**CREDIT:** 580 (Start 580/Goal 700)

**DEBT:** \$13,012 (Start \$13K/Goal \$0)

**SAVINGS:** \$0 (Start \$0/Goal \$20K)



**ENTRY DATE:** 4/28/22  
**OCCUPATION:** Sales

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### GOALS

**CREDIT:** 800 (Start 775/Goal 820)

**DEBT:** \$0 (Start \$1800/Goal \$0)

**SAVINGS:** \$16,000 (Start \$0/Goal \$40K)

\*Names of moms and kids have been changed.