

# fellowship housing *a hand up*



## Tracy's Story

*Tracy fell in love with a 'good guy.' And everything WAS good for the first year of their marriage. And then Tracy became pregnant with their first child. What should have been a time of joyful celebration, quickly became a time of paralyzing fear. He began to struggle with alcoholism and drug addiction. His drinking, along with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, caused pure chaos, both financially and emotionally. He attempted rehab but nothing lasted. Things got progressively worse. He took the kids in the car while he was drinking and driving. He left pills on the floor with their babies crawling around. Tracy lived in constant fear of her three small children's safety. She felt alone and terrified....until she found Fellowship Housing.*

*"It was time to choose a better life for my kids. I knew that I needed to get off this rollercoaster ride because my kids deserved more," Tracy recalls. "A friend told me about Fellowship Housing and it sounded too good to be true."*

We can't thank you enough for being a generous supporter of Fellowship Housing. You are making a significant difference in the lives of desperate single moms like Tracy and their children. Because of you, our moms no longer live in fear wondering if their children will have a safe place to live.

Thanks to your generosity, 30 highly vulnerable single moms and their 90 children have achieved financial stability and now have a home of their own!! And, because of you, they have the financial training to handle the responsibility of owning that home. YOU helped to make their dream a reality!

**I am writing to ask you to give generously to our year-end campaign, A Hand Up.** Over the next 3 years we are proactively searching our communities for more single moms to serve. We are growing! And that requires more support! As a donor, you've become a part of God's work to empower hopeful single moms and help change their family's legacy for generations to come. Your past gift shows you believe deeply in extending God's hand of hope to struggling single moms. It is a special honor for us to partner with you to help these overwhelmed single mothers.

**Please consider a generous gift to support even more single moms and their kids in our community. When you give before December 31 your gift will be matched by a generous donor! We need your gift to reach our goal of \$100,000. We need you!**

To transform a vulnerable single mom's life requires intense support. Your gift helps provide a mom with:

- A safe home to live in for two years
- One-on-one mentoring and discipleship
- Intense budget and financial literacy training
- Counseling
- Tutoring and school supplies for their children
- Opportunity to receive a match on their debt payments
- Scholarships for their children
- **A Hand Up SO THAT new legacies are possible!!**

**Are you wondering what happened to Tracy?** Take a look at how Tracy's life has changed because of your generosity...

*"During my two years with Fellowship Housing, I was able to pay off all my debts, and save over \$20,000. I've never had a savings account before now! I was able to purchase a car from the CARS ministry at Willow Creek. I attended Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. My credit score is up to 700 but most importantly, my self-esteem and determination have become stronger. I no longer live in fear. With a lot of hard work and support I get to be a homeowner again! (Tracy will move into her Habitat for Humanity home next fall.) I am so grateful. **Without Fellowship Housing, I truly don't know where I would be. SO, thank you to everyone who has been a part of this life-changing journey."***

— TRACY, 2017 FELLOWSHIP HOUSING GRADUATE



### YOU CAN MAKE THIS KIND OF LIFE CHANGE HAPPEN!

Without your generous gift, single moms in our community will remain trapped in the cycle of poverty! Without you, our moms remain on edge worrying about the next disaster lurking around the corner! YOU can be the reason they have hope for a different future.

Your generous contribution will extend God's hand of help to more hardworking single moms who live right in our community. You can offer hope to those who so desperately need it! By giving now your gift and your impact is **DOUBLED!** Won't you please send your generous gift today? Thank you....SO MUCH!!



With deep gratitude,

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P.S. Your gift will make an immediate difference. Send your gift today!!