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Facing the Future Without Fear



Ten years of her husband's abuse was more than enough for Stacy, whose name has been changed to protect her privacy and safety.

She left, with no idea how she and her six children would survive, but with a certainty that anything would be better than the brutality and fear of their previous life. Still, it was a struggle. Stacy spent three years trying to raise her kids on her own, while also learning to be emotionally and financially independent again—the proud daughter of a Korean War veteran.

"When I heard about the National Home, it sounded too good to be true. But after doing some research, I knew that this was my next step."

At the Home, she found the emotional and financial support she needed, in abundance. Just as important: she found a safe zone of protection around her and her kids.

With the help of her caring and highly

trained caseworker, Stacy began putting her dreams into action. While living at the Home, she was able to go to college full-time and earned an Associate's degree in General Studies and a Bachelor's in Management and Organizational Development from a local college. She learned how to manage her money and save for the future and when she left, she was able to move her children into a home that she had bought and was able to continue her education, earning her Master's degree in Family Studies.

It's been six years since Stacy left our campus, but the long lasting impact on her life and the lives of her children is apparent. Two of the children have graduated high school and are attending college while working full-time. Next year, three of the kids will be in high school and one in middle school. Stacy is grateful for their strength, and for all the opportunities to grow and thrive that life at the National Home offered them. After their very rough beginning, she says now, "The National Home gave my kids the chance to be kids and allowed me to give them a normal upbringing."

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Did you know...

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.