

Skaggs Grant 2017

Pathway of Hope

The Salvation Army received a \$5000.00 grant for the Pathway of Hope program. This program is an intense case management program designed to help families who have the desire to get up and out of crisis and become stable in both finances and family life. The family needs to have at least 1 child under the age of 18 and pass a quiz to see if they qualify to enter the program.

Once in the program, the family or parents are required to meet with the Pathway of Hope person in our building no less than twice a month. This insures that the family will be successful in completing the goals they have set for themselves. Since the Pathway of Hope program is so case management intensive, we only work with 2-3 families at a time.

Family 1 - Results

We had a family of 4 come in last year and the mother was completely distraught over their financial situation, not knowing what to do or where to begin. After being accepted into the program, we set up a budget and timeline for all their bills. The mother and boyfriend came up with not just 3 month goals, but goal all the way through 10 years of what they want to accomplish as a family. They completed the first set of 3 month goals in less than 2 months.

The mother's countenance had changed from desperation to joy and she was more at ease with their situation, once she saw the results of the accomplished goals she was seeing. They have now been in the program for just a little over a year and this is what we were able to do:

Pay their rent several months in a row until the husband was able to secure a job.

We were able to pay their electric one month until they could get their car repaired.

Since becoming a part of this program this is what has resulted –

1 – No longer need financial assistance for:

Rent

Utilities

Prescriptions for her son

Food assistance

The mother and father have both become regular volunteers for The Salvation Army in the Food Pantry and the Mother has found a home at The Salvation Army for all kinds of volunteering opportunities.

They all attend church as a family and have become more stable as a family unit.

They are planning an April wedding at the Salvation Army in 2019.

All of this has been accomplished because of the monies the Skaggs Foundation awarded the Salvation Army. Without it, this family would still be in crisis and unable to function in a positive way.

Family 2 – Results

The second family we were able to pay an attorney bill off for her, so she can gain sole custody of her child. She is going to school to finish her degree in Human Resources. Her husband is fully employed, but they have taken on the care of her sister's 3 children along with their own 2.

Two of the children are special needs and she is in the process now of getting those children assessed for what they need for medications and schooling.

This family just joined the program a month ago. But they are very motivated like family 1 who recommended them to our program.

Since they are new to the program, there is not much to report for this family.

Family 3 - Results

This family has struggled a lot since joining the program. The mother started out strong and completed 3 of her 4 original goals. However, she lost her sobriety and lost her job. She has been sporadic in keeping her appointments. We have not spent any of the grant money on her as of this point, but we are praying that she recommits to her goals.

These are the challenges we face with the Pathway of Hope program. The success of the program is dependent on the participants on being committed to their own recovery.

When we have a success story like **family 1**- it makes it all worth the effort. If we can take on family at a time and get them out of crisis and poverty and on the way to financial stability and productive citizens who give back to the community is what Pathway of Hope is all about.

Thank you for partnering with us in helping this family become a success!