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DIANA

Your support of Haven House Services helps change futures for youth and young adults in need in our community - young adults like Diana.

A 19-year-old single mother with an infant daughter, Diana was struggling with family issues and did not have stable housing. She said she knew that she needed to make her situation better for her and her child. An internet search led her to discover Haven House Services' Crisis and Homeless Services programs. She reached out and in December 2019, she started working with a case manager in our Transition in Place (TIP) program.



TIP helps young adults ages 18-23, many of whom are young women who are pregnant/parenting, transition into housing, build skills, and get support needed to sustain housing and find success long-term.

At the time of entering the program, Diana did not have subsidized childcare. Her car was unreliable due to several major maintenance issues she could not afford to fix.

The TIP program was able to help Diana find housing right before Christmas in 2019 - just in time for her daughter's first birthday.

Since Diana has moved into housing, in addition to providing financial assistance with rent, the TIP program has helped Diana obtain a childcare voucher, purchase a more reliable vehicle, and continue to gain access to various community resources – plus weather new challenges brought on by the pandemic. Diana has maintained full-time employment and is learning budgeting skills and how to manage and pay her bills on time. Diana recently found a job that includes benefits for her and her child. She is working hard to save money so she can afford an apartment on her own once she is discharged from the TIP program this summer.

"Thanks to Haven House, the one thing I haven't given up on is faith. If I can get through the storm once, I know I can do it again," she said. "This program showed me responsibility and independence. I've become a better mother, friend, support system, and more. Sometimes all you need is one push. I don't think I could've done it without the help of each individual. Without Haven House, I wouldn't know how it would feel to call an actual house a home. It feels great - a feeling you never want to lose."

At Haven House Services, we respect everyone who comes to us for help – and many are working toward a fresh start in life. So while their stories are true, client names and images may have been changed to protect their privacy. Thank you for understanding.

