

Kim, graduate of Jubilee House

Coming to Jubilee House

In her own words, Kim describes her experience at Jubilee House for the past two years. Jubilee House is a transitional house for homeless women with children who have recently completed a substance abuse treatment program.

My desire to overcome my addiction brought me to this unfamiliar town. In search of some peace and freedom, I admitted myself to a six-month drug and alcohol program. Within four months, my self-destructive nature caused me to sabotage my stay there and I was asked to leave. Still determined to beat this ugly monster, I knew that my only chance for survival was to stay in Lancaster. Doing what I had to do to keep my life on track, I moved into a shelter where my children and I could share a room with another family. It was not a pleasant environment, but it was better than going back to where I had originally come from.

After a brief stay there, my family and I were accepted into a better shelter where we could have a room and a bathroom to ourselves. Times were tough but my foundation was getting stronger.

We stayed in this particular shelter for the six months that we were allowed and just when it seemed as though I was going to run out of alternatives, a miracle happened. I found out about a wonderful program that was just gearing up, called Jubilee House. Within a month I was accepted and was able to move into my own apartment that was totally furnished and equipped with all my needs.

For the first time in almost a year, I was able to cook a home-cooked meal for my children on a real stove. My children were able to sleep peacefully in their own bedrooms. The gratitude that I felt on the day we moved in is indescribable.

Jubilee House has given me a firm foundation on which to stand. With all the budget counseling and life skills classes, I feel confident that I have the tools that are necessary to lead a successful life.

With the help of the remarkable people at Tabor, I have recently moved into my own apartment in a nice neighborhood and I know that with the knowledge that I have accumulated in these last two years, I will be able to function as a responsible, productive member of society. I owe a lot to the people who made Jubilee House possible.