



save the family
FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA



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Clare set an example of hard work and determination that inspires both her children and her peers on the path to stability and success.

OVERCOMING HOMELESSNESS AND ACHIEVING SELF-SUFFICIENCY

It's all about stable homes, safe children, and strong families.

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Mission: Save the Family equips families to address poverty, overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency.

When Clare arrived at Save the Family, she and her family had lost everything - their four-bedroom home to foreclosure, steady income from their jobs at a family business, and all their belongings due to the inability to pay storage fees.

A series of bad decisions made by Clare's partner and the father of their little girls left this young family in a very vulnerable position. While awaiting his trial and ultimately, his sentencing, Clare spent the last of their savings to keep the family afloat and together.

Clare feared her children would be separated if anyone found out they were homeless as they moved from motel to motel. Eventually, after running out of money, they ended up squatting in an abandoned warehouse. With a new baby and two young daughters to care for, Clare remembers waiting until dark to fill a large rubber tote with water from an outdoor hose so she could bathe her children.

Everything changed when the

family came to Save the Family.

They were provided a safe place to live, and Clare immediately took advantage of career development, parenting classes and other supportive services offered. She attended job club and budgeting classes to gain the skills she needed to re-enter the work force and manage the household by herself. With her children now safe and enrolled in our children's programs, Clare could focus on getting a job that would support her family.

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After just a few months, Clare had already landed a job and started building her savings, which is one of the main goals we encourage our families to pursue once they are employed. Just two years after her family completed our program, Clare advanced at work and was able to save more than \$25,000 to help with buying a home in the future. Her life has completely changed since coming to Save the Family. She says she doesn't know where she and her children would be without Save the Family.

Ultimately, it was Clare's ability to persevere while coping with traumatic life events which led to her success. Her children look up to her as an example and her peers at Save the Family have learned that they, too, can get through difficult times and to a place of stability and success.