

Project New Hope “OLPH #1”

Family Code Name: France

Background: This family consists of a separated mom and a 1 year-old baby boy. Our mom is originally from France and has been in the US for the last ten years. Mom is currently going through a divorce due to domestic violence. Her husband is not permitted to visit the baby unless supervised.

Update: Our mom is still working hard in a night shift from her home, providing customer service for a company selling wellness products online. She remains grateful to the OLPH parishioner who donated a laptop for her work. She also has received the encouraging news that her application for a green card has been granted “Prima Facie (on its face) Status” and will be continued to April, 2018.

Goals:

- Mom will save 6 months’ rent
- Mom will continue to work with Life Span on her immigration status
- Mom will follow through with the divorce and order of protection
- Mom will continue DV counseling
- Pay monthly bills on time

This family is forever grateful to the Parishioners for their continued support.

Project New Hope “OLPH #2”

Family Code Name: Botswana

Background: This family was referred by Aid for Women. At the time, our mom was a married 44-year-old female with two boys ages 19 months and 5 years old. She became homeless due to domestic violence and low-income status after immigrating from Botswana with her husband and oldest son.

Update: Our mom continues to soar in the Program. In September, she spoke to the Sharing Ministry at OLPH and in October, she spoke at Charities’ Annual Harvest of Hope Benefit. Our mom told the attendees her powerful and touching story about her triumph over homelessness, thanks to help from Aid for Women and Catholic Charities’ New Hope Program. Our mom was filled with joy at the warm reception by the Sharing Ministry and Harvest of Hope attendees, and by the big hug she received from the Benefit Honoree, Sister Paulanne, after she spoke. Our mom continues to work full-time as a CNA at a nursing home, and to study with the Women’s Program at Harper College to become an LPN. She also is happy to report that her two sons are thriving in pre-school and first grade.

Goals:

- Continue to build credit by paying credit card monthly
- Follow-up with child support
- Continue education.

This family is also forever grateful for everything that the Parishioners have done! NH is very excited to see what this mom will do next!

Project New Hope “OLPH #3”

Family Code Name: Evanston

NEW FAMILY ALERT: A new family consisting of an African American elderly woman and her seventeen-year-old grandson was referred to our Program by the City of Evanston. She became homeless due to a reverse mortgage fraud and lost her home that was in her family for over 30 years that she shared with her late husband. She was staying at two local hotels for over 1 month with assistance from the City of Evanston. She reports that the City of Evanston Regional Ombudsman Program Manager has referred her to a lawyer concerning the issue of mortgage fraud. Her grandson is a senior in high school.

Project New Hope “Shared Parishes”- St. Catherine LaBoure, St. Philip the Apostle and OLPH

Family Code Name: Glenview

Background: This family consists of a single 35-year-old African American female with 3 children. The client became homeless when she left her ex because he was verbally abusive in 2015. Client then moved in with her sister who receives section 8 benefits. She reported that they got into a family dispute and she was asked to leave. When our mom first came into the program she was pregnant and recently gave birth to a healthy baby boy. The children are the following ages: a 10-year girl, 8-year boy, and baby boy now a few months old.

Update: Our mom works 40 hours as a CNA in two part-time positions. She also has enrolled in an “LPN Bridge” program which will begin in December. Our mom has child care in place and her two older children are doing well in school. She is on a good path!

Goals:

- Save at least 3 months’ rent
- Improve her credit
- Client currently has an open case for child support

New Hope is proud of this mom’s strong start in the Program; New Hope and the mom thank the Shared Parishes who make helping her possible!