



## TIFFANY'S STORY: FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

Meet Tiffany and her three kids Anna, Saul, and Gabby. As a single mom, Tiffany has always worked full-time to support her kids. One day after years of living paycheck to paycheck, Tiffany sent a money order to her landlord for rent. That money order never made it to the landlord, and Tiffany was evicted from her home for not paying her rent.

Tiffany and her kids experienced homelessness for a year. They moved into PHFS' shelters on December 26, 2015 and began working with PHFS Housing Specialist Angi to accomplish goals that would help Tiffany move back into housing.

Tiffany worked full-time while she lived in shelter. She would wake up and drive the kids to school in North Portland, then drive to work in Southeast. After work, she'd drive back up north to get the kids, finally rushing back downtown in time for shelter dinner. "I didn't sleep through the night that whole year. I felt no hope. I wish I never had to put my kids through that. No matter how hard I worked work, I felt like I could never catch a break."

Homelessness was hard on her kids, too. Tiffany found out Gabby was falling asleep at school, and normally sweet and mellow Saul was having trouble managing his anger.

Tiffany and Angi worked together to help end the family's homelessness. They applied to a dozen apartments and paid a lot in application fees. Tiffany kept being denied because of her recent eviction. Finally, a landlord gave Tiffany a chance and accepted the family into a new home. They are now happily living in house down the street from the kids' school and just 20 minutes from Tiffany's work.

"We absolutely love it in our new home. I'm just really grateful. This wouldn't be possible in a million years without PHFS's programs. I'm FOREVER thankful!"

