

I had nowhere to turn until I found a friend in . . .

Family Services

My name is Michelle Rice and I want to share my story of how the Salvation Army helped my family.

It all started in January, 2005 when my best friend and her family lost their home. I could not let them be out on the street so I ask them to move in with us. My landlord didn't like this idea so he evicted all of us. My family went to stay with friends while we looked for a house we could afford and put everything we owned in storage.

In the coming months we tried to help the people we were staying with pay bills, but could not keep up our storage bills.

In November, the state helped us get into our own house - we had nothing to even sleep on or eat off of. In all of this my husband Russell lost his job and was without work for four months.

We were giving our landlord every penny we got, trying to stay current on our rent. My husband was giving plasma two times a week so that we could keep gas in a vehicle so that he could get to work. There is not any place in Colorado Springs that will help people in the county, and that is where we live.

Finally I met a neighbor of ours, Shelly Tombleson. She is employed by The Salvation Army, and suggested that I go talk to Ann at her office.

Ann was wonderful! She didn't make me feel like I wasn't doing enough. My husband and I had been trying everything, we did not want to ask for help. Ann made it easy and helped us keep our home.

The Salvation Army gave us the help we needed and we are right back on track. Things have started looking up and I have gained a wonderful new friend in Shelly. I could never do enough to repay the help you all gave my family and I won't forget that.

With everything that has happened I had begun to lose my faith and thanks to the help and support of you all I am beginning to regain that faith that I lost. I now know there are people out there that don't look down on you when you are in need. If at anytime I can do anything to help The Salvation Army out, please let me know.



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