

BRIDGING FUTURES: STORIES FROM MOMMY'S CLOSET

In the heart of our community, where the need for support and understanding crosses paths with compassion and action, three stories emerge, each underpinned by the steadfast support of VOA Case Management through programming like Mommy's Closet. The narratives of Elizabeth, James, and Grace, showcase the profound impact of our collective efforts in building bridges toward brighter futures.

Elizabeth's Journey to Independence

Elizabeth's story begins in a moment of despair. Facing the daunting challenge of raising four children alone after her husband's departure, pregnant and without financial support, she found herself at Mommy's Closet. It was a turning point that marked the beginning of her transformative journey. Through comprehensive case management, Elizabeth was assisted in accessing crucial resources like TANF, Medicaid, and WIC. She was guided through filing for child support, securing housing, and eventually finding employment. Elizabeth's journey stands as proof of the formidable force of determination and the invaluable network established by VOA with your support, resulting in her newfound self-sufficiency and confidence. With perseverance and the unwavering dedication of Mommy's Closet, Elizabeth not only rebuilt her life, but discovered inner strength. Her resilience and determination stand as an inspiration for others.

The Resilience of James and Grace

James and Grace, devoted grandparents caring for their young grandson with special needs, were confronted with the prospect of losing their home. The bridge they had painstakingly constructed appeared to collapse before their eyes. A lifeline emerged with the help of Mommy's Closet at VOA, allowing them to transition into an ADA-compliant residence. This assistance proved indispensable, not only in securing a place to live, but a space that also met their grandson's needs. James and Grace's story highlights the importance of tailored support and the impact it can have on providing security and continuity for families facing unique challenges.

While unique, Elizabeth, James, Grace's stories share a common thread—the transformative impact of empowerment provided by VOA case management services and your support. These narratives underscore the importance of the bridges we build in our community; bridges of support, empowerment, and hope. Through their journeys, we are reminded of the power of community and the enduring spirit of those we serve. As we share these stories, we celebrate the resilience and strength of the human spirit, supported by the pillars of compassion and assistance that define our mission. Together, we continue to build more bridges, support more journeys, and make a difference—one life, one bridge at a time.

\$35 COVERS THE COST OF A WEEK'S DIAPERS AND WIPES FOR A FAMILY.

\$96 COVERS THE COST OF FOOD AND A SAFE PLACE FOR A FAMILY IN NEED TONIGHT.

\$210 PROVIDES ONE WEEK OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR A VETERAN FAMILY.

\$500 PROVIDES 5 FAMILIES WITH THE COST OF FOOD AND A SAFE PLACE FOR ONE NIGHT.