

## CITY FOSTERS HOPE

Through programs and housing provided by organizations supported financially through the City's federal funding, such as Catholic Community Services, the City is able to make a difference in the lives of Salem residents like Sonjia and her son.

Sonjia grew up in the foster care system. As a teenager, Sonjia moved into one of Catholic Community Services Foundation's (CCSF) Forever Homes. Forever Homes are large townhouses where multiple teenage foster children live with foster parents. Under this program, if the foster parents resign, the children remain in place while new foster parents are brought in. This provides stability in the children's lives. In 2009, the City of Salem provided over \$300,000 of HOME funding to CCSF for a project that incorporated a Forever Home.

After graduating high school, Sonjia moved into Center Court; a place for youth coming out of foster care to live and learn how to enter into adulthood. Gaining the skills necessary to apply for jobs and live on her own, Sonjia was a successful participant in the program. The City of Salem is providing over \$300,000 of HOME funding for transitional housing rehab currently underway at Center Court.

Sonjia was hired by CCSF to assist with their Cars4Kids program. The Cars4Kids program provides an opportunity for the community to donate their vehicle to CCSF. The proceeds of the car sales benefit youth in foster care, youth in need, and vulnerable families in our community.

Sonjia, a leader of the Fostering Hope Parents Council and a proud mom of son Maddox, works full time, and has a place to call her own at one of CCSF's new apartments in a caring and nurturing community. In 2008, over \$500,000 of HOME funding was provided by the City of Salem for construction of the apartments.



Sonjia and her son Maddox

### DOWNTOWN SALEM

Golden  
Ticket

SHOP  
LOCAL

November 6 - December 31, 2013

#### PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS

Amadeus Restaurant  
Art Department, Inc.  
Bazillion Books for Kids  
Bentley's Grill  
Bittersweet Boutique  
Capitol City Theater  
Chang Lai Chinese Restaurant  
Cooke Stationery  
Create A Memory  
Crystal Power & Light Co.  
Dave Wilson Designer Goldsmith  
Eksinore Framing & Art  
Finishing Touches  
Frozzation Nation  
Indigo Yoga Studio

Jonathan's  
Lulu's Turto Cucina  
Ma Valise  
McGrath's Fish House  
NW Comic Gallery  
Olivia's  
One Fair World  
Rafn's Local Foods  
Ranch Records  
Shutterbug  
Studio Montage  
The Arbor  
Vouture/KT Watch  
Where the Sidewalk Begins  
Willamette Humane Society Thrift Store

Promotion varies by business - check for details at participating merchant or  
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## DOWNTOWN'S NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION

Check out the downtown businesses participating in the 2013 Golden Ticket Program.

Visit these businesses to learn how to get a **Golden Ticket** and the redemption value. Terms for the Golden Ticket are established by each business.

The program began November 6 and runs through December 31, 2013.

Shop Downtown and get your Golden Tickets!

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