



Supporting Survivors • Strengthening Communities • Empowering Change

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To whom it may concern:

I am a 38-year-old mother and domestic violence survivor. July of 2019, I made a call to My Sisters' Place that has forever changed my life. Not knowing how I was going to obtain a home for my son and I was one of my biggest concerns. I had no income, and my rental history was not that good. Not being from the area and having no support outside the agency, finding a sitter was impossible—especially during the beginning of COVID. So, working was not an option for me. The advocates at My Sisters' Place were some of the most loving and thoughtful bunch of women I have ever been around. They encouraged me to apply for their transitional housing program, and you know what? I was approved! I moved into my apartment on March 2, 2020. I loved having the security of knowing my rent was covered until my housing voucher came in. This was one of the first times I had ever felt a sense of empowerment. Almost three years later, I am still in the same apartment that I was able to obtain because of the survivor housing funds. To top it off, I am now a shelter advocate at the same shelter that helped me get my life back. This is why I am a strong supporter and believer that survivor housing funds are a crucial part in each and every survivor's story.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Ashley Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Rodriguez
Shelter Advocate
My Sisters' Place