

# Advocates for Homeless Families

## PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

EDUCATION | JOB TRAINING | LIFE SKILLS | HOUSING



This time last year, Joy W. was living in a motel room with time and money running out and no options. A single mother of four children – two boys, 17 and 16, and two girls, 15 and 7 – Joy was connected with

Advocates for Homeless Families through Frederick County Public Schools. While she and her children are now safely housed, Joy, at the age of 42, is working hard to overcome an erratic work history, intermittent educational efforts, a failed marriage, and homelessness. Joy works part-time as a pharmacy assistant to pay essential bills, while she attends Frederick Community College full-time to obtain paralegal certification. To assist Joy, Advocates pays for all utilities and maintenance on the townhouse she and her children live in. We also assist with gas cards, textbook expenses, and her children's' after-school and summer activity fees. Joy is on her journey to a self-sustaining future. Every homeless family that

achieves permanent housing and self-sufficiency makes Frederick a better place to live!

We currently house 15 homeless families (17 adults and 33 children) in single-unit, scattered-site properties in Frederick County. All 17 adults are working full- or part-time while pursuing educational goals or job training that will enhance their future incomes. Every adult is held accountable for being a responsible tenant and good neighbor, maintaining a household budget, attending weekly life skills training workshops, improving credit, and saving for the future.

With your help we can overcome homelessness and break the cycle of poverty and despair.



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