

As a single mother of twins, Marissa wanted no more for her children than full tummies and a warm bed. Like all mothers, she wanted to provide comfort and security to her children, however, Marissa quickly realized she needed help. For a short time; reality for her family was moving from place to place and shelter to shelter, until she was welcomed home to Family Promise of Tulsa County..

With the guarantee of shelter, food and transportation, Marissa was able to turn her focus to finding a job and to working diligently to fulfil her goal of self-sufficiency. FPTC helped obtain birth certificates for her children, which in turn, opened doors of community help for her family. With the comprehensive case management and supportive environment provided by Family Promise of Tulsa County, Marissa was able to achieve her goal of securing sustainable housing. The family expressed their appreciation for the love, support, delicious food, and enrichment opportunities they were given at the congregations. The love of volunteers gave them the hope they needed to carry on.

Through her completion of our financial literacy program, Marissa gained valuable knowledge of practical ways to create and stick to a monthly budget. Additionally, she obtained matching funds to pay the application fees, deposits, and utility fees required for moving into a home of her own. Does the family still have struggles to

overcome? Of course. However, Marissa now has friendships resources, and tools available to help her along the way. Prior to joining FPTC Marissa said life was “almost unbearable” but today life is, “definitely the greatest it has ever been.”

A new beginning is not just a home; it is the start of a new life for this family. The photo to the left is not just a room; it is the ***first bedroom her children have ever had***. We are so proud of Marissa and her accomplishments. Family Promise of Tulsa County is honored to be part of her journey to self-sufficiency.

Although every family’s story is different, the end result is always the same. Every family we serve wants to provide a better life for their children and themselves and end the cycle of homelessness. For children in particular, chaos is turned into order, fear into calmness, and sadness into smiles when the possibility of a stable future becomes the reality for the families in our program.

Together, we are helping to end family homelessness...one family at a time.

