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DANIEL'S PROJECT PREPARE GIVES **HOMELESS YOUTH A** SECOND CHANCE



Victoria, while in Daniel's Project Prepare Program

Victoria's world fell apart when she was in 10th grade. When her mother's relationship with her stepdad ended, Victoria and her two siblings essentially became homeless. They bounced around friends' apartments, sleeping on floors.

For a short time, she and her family did find an apartment of their own. but the stability didn't last. Their living arrangements were just one

of the many inconsistencies Victoria noticed when it came to her mother. Victoria tried to talk with her mother about several things in their life that weren't right or safe. Unfortunately, she refused to listen. It was the eventual eviction notice on the door that signified to Victoria that she needed to leave and never come back.

By then, Victoria had started failing in school and decided to just stop going. Around that time, she also learned her birth father died. Victoria knew she needed to get back on track somehow.

She went back to school and managed to progress to 12th grade. She stabilized her living arrangements by staying at a friend's house and paying rent to their family. With a social worker's help at school, she took the right classes, working hard to bump up her GPA and graduate on time.

She was moving in the right direction, but wondered what she was going to do when school ended. Luckily, her social worker introduced her to Project Prepare, Daniel's nationally recognized independent living program.

"For at-risk youth, it's really hard to find something," Victoria said.



She excitedly enrolled in the program, which also afforded her the opportunity to move into a 11-unit efficiency apartment complex, called Independent Living Village, that's owned and managed by Daniel. Daniel's Project Prepare Program not only helps homeless and at-risk youth find safe housing – at their complex or elsewhere - but also helps them transition from instability to self-sufficiency through case management, counseling, and support with education and job placement. The goal of the program is to help these young adults become productive, contributing members of society.

"They've instilled a lot of great qualities in me that I still use to this day," Victoria said.

Victoria credits the program for helping her learn how to become independent. The life skills she learned guided her to a better path.

Daniel's Project Prepare helps approximately 80 homeless youth aged 16-21 each year. Under Daniel's guidance, these young adults learn basic finance skills, budgeting, how to interview for jobs and arrange for transportation, and much more.

Today, Victoria is a wife and mom to three boys. She's been a licensed realtor for three years. Looking back on that time in her life, she said without Project Prepare, she would probably be homeless.

"Project Prepare was wholeheartedly a lifesaver for me. I think it is one of the most amazing things they offer to youth," Victoria said.



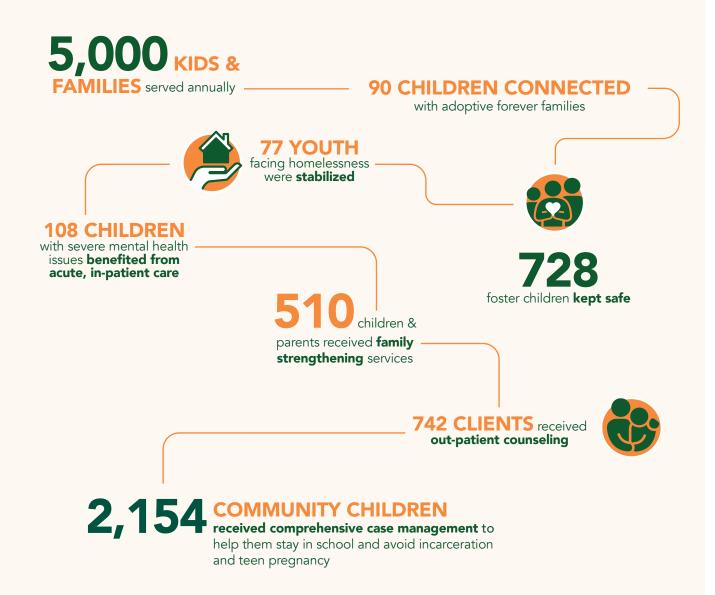
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