



Junction Spotlight

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FAMILY IN CRISIS

Imagine having a stable home, a place where your family eats, sleeps, and has a comfortable life, then imagine being told that you had to leave because the home you are renting is being sold. Yolanda and her three children lived in Old Forge, one of the neighborhoods we serve, when her family was forced to leave and find a new place to live. Living on a tight budget and having no money to provide first and last month's rent for a new place, her immediate solution was to rent a room at a hotel. What was a temporary solution has turned into 8 months for Yolanda and her three children who are ages 1, 12, and 15. Her youngest must travel to Washington, DC for doctor's appointments, "I either get my aunt to take me or call transportation but sometimes transportation don't even have drivers due to Covid." Laundry facilities are not on site, so she finds ways to get to the laundromat as she does not have a driver's license.



Happy Family



Tide Me Over Bag



Volunteers

A HELPING HAND

Thanks to the generous support from our Junction family, we have been able to provide a hand up to Yolanda's family. Tide Me Over bags (TMOs) provide shelf stable food that can be prepared with her crock pot, deep fryer, or George Foreman grill in her hotel room. The older children also received school supplies, participate in YMCA activities, and volunteer handing out TMO's in the neighborhoods we serve. Yolanda's oldest daughter participates in the high school Brain Builders program where she gets tutoring and homework assistance. She is on a path to success leading to better employment opportunities and a brighter future when she graduates. The family will also receive Holiday assistance including gifts and a prepared meal thanks to our community partners at the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. To support our mission, click [here](#).