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Change lives.*





Family & Children's is dedicated to protecting and strengthening Long Island's most vulnerable children, seniors, families and communities. We offer assistance to those who are experiencing social, emotional and economic challenges.

With your help, we were able to assist nearly 40,000 of your neighbors in need last year. We hope you enjoy this sampling of some of the success stories we experience each day.

Thank you for helping us transform lives right here at home.

You make a difference.

For all stories within:

Names and photos have been changed
to protect client confidentiality.

A YOUNG FAMILY STAYS TOGETHER ...

I am the 21-year-old legal guardian of my three younger siblings who are 11, 14 and 15. We were raised by our aunt who passed away two years ago after fighting a long battle with cancer. I took a leave of absence from college to care for my younger siblings and try to run our small household with love, respect and organization. Education and after-school activities are a major priority for us and in a community where statistically fewer children graduate from high school, I'm proud to say that all my siblings are honor students.

Family & Children's was instrumental in helping us stay together by helping us secure housing, avoid eviction and access services. Your caring guidance makes us feel that we are not alone. Just knowing that someone cares has made all the difference.



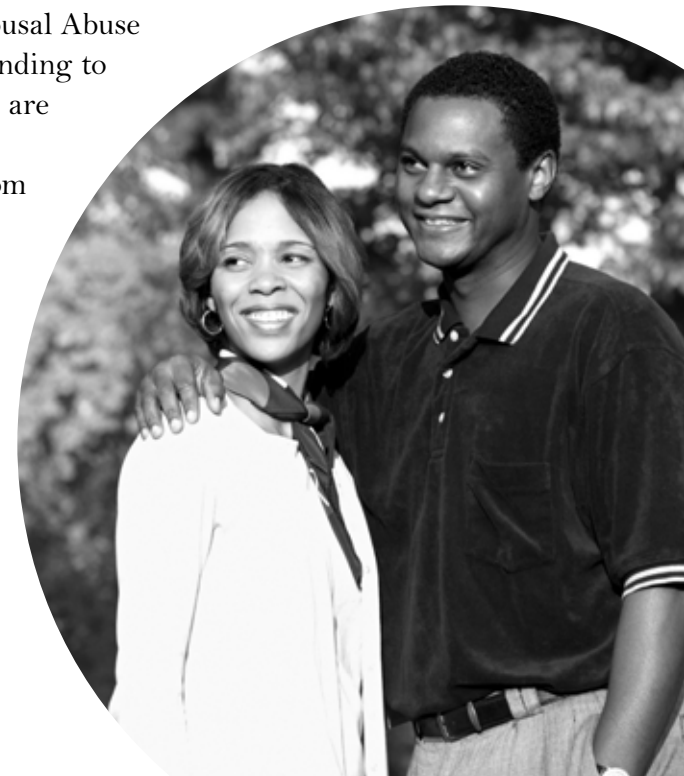


A YOUNG MAN REBUILDS HIS LIFE...

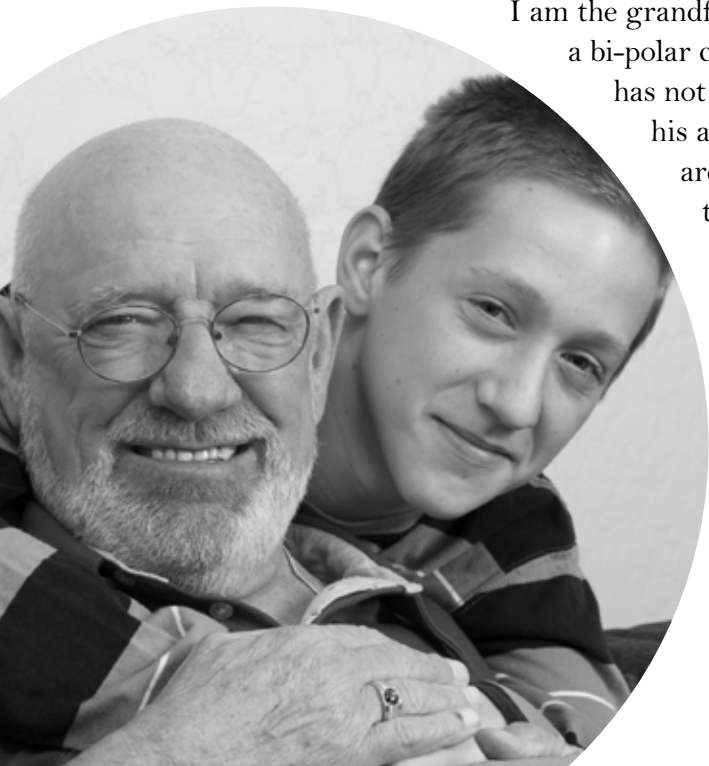
I am 16 years old and came to Family & Children's after losing my mother to suicide and being removed from the home of my maternal grandmother because of abuse. For the last year, I have been a resident of your community residence for adolescent males. You have provided me with a structured setting that enabled me to become involved in the responsibilities of daily living. Today I am an honor student at a local high school, have started a band that performs at venues across Long Island, and I'm hoping to go to a top college (I scored a 1400 on a practice SAT test!). Thank you for helping me when I needed it most and teaching me how to stand on my own two feet.

A HUSBAND LEARNS TO LOVE AGAIN...

Since my husband has been going to your Spousal Abuse Group Education program he has been outstanding to me and my family. I have to say that what you are doing works. You people have given me back the husband that I married. We both came from a broken family and we swore we would never be that kind of family, but somewhere down the line we lost who we were. But because of your program, you not only showed my husband who he was, you showed me who I should be because he brought home what you taught him and shared it with me. I just wanted to thank you. Your program really works. He is an outstanding husband, father and a wonderful man.... My hat's off to you people.



A RUNAWAY TEEN IS REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY...



I am the grandfather of a young man who suffers from a bi-polar condition. For the last several years, he has not ventured more than a few blocks from his apartment in the Oakland, California area. Two weeks ago, however, he decided to travel by bus to New York City to hook up with someone he met on the internet. The trip was kept secret from everyone including the young lady he was trying to meet. The reality was that he found himself homeless and broke in New York City. Fortunately for him and us, he was directed to your shelter. There he was met with love and kindness. We thank God for your organization and we pray for your continued success.

A YOUNG MOM GETS HELP WHEN SHE NEEDS IT MOST...

I started bringing my 2 ½ year old son Michael to your Co-op Nursery last spring because I needed help. I am suffering from stage four breast cancer and am sick much of the time because of the radiation and chemotherapy. I was concerned about my son's socialization and development because he was watching me get sick and I wasn't well enough to host play dates or take him out to play. My family tried to help, but everyone is overwhelmed between work and school. I knew I needed some outside assistance.

Bringing Michael to the Co-op Nursery has been a God-send. I know he is safe and happy when I leave him there while I continue my treatments. I'd be lost without it. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the nursery going.





Join Family & Children's as we offer a helping hand to Long Island's most vulnerable children, seniors, veterans, families and communities.

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