



It was my worst nightmare—facing homelessness with a family of eight to provide for. But thanks to you, SVdP CARES was there when we needed it most.

My name is Juan, and I've been blessed with a large, wonderful family: my wife Crystal of 14 years, our seven children (ranging from ages 1 to 14), and our dog Nyx.

In March of 2020, I lost my job because of the pandemic. We were living off our savings but that didn't last long. Soon, we couldn't afford rent and we were about to be evicted.

I felt like the weight of the world was on my shoulders and I had to tackle this by myself.

Thankfully, I found out about SVdP CARES and was connected with a case manager. She reassured us and gave us that comfort to start picking up the pieces.

SVdP CARES helped my family find temporary shelter. At Christmas, they showed up with a truck load of gifts for my kids. Crystal and I cried—we didn't know that there were so many generous people out there ready to help families like ours and provide some hope.

Finally, I got a job with the Postal Service, but it meant we had to move. I thought it was going to be a nightmare, but again, SVdP CARES took care of the details . . . my old case manager and my new case manager were so kind and stayed in close touch!

We have a home of our own in Florida now and we're so blessed! Things were touch and go for a while with Hurricane Ian. WE lost power and water, but SVdP CARES stepped up again and helped with temporary shelter until our house returned to working order. But now we're back in our home. I'm still working for the Post Office, and my family is doing great!

We have felt nothing but support and comfort from SVdP CARES. I know I can always reach out when I have a concern. It's been an absolutely amazing experience.

I know it's your generous support that changed my family's life, and I can't thank you enough!

We're not the only ones to find ourselves homeless. There are still so many moms, dads, and kids out there who need help finding safe and affordable housing . . . I hope you'll read the letter enclosed and consider making a gift to help them today.

Thank you for caring for families like ours when times get tough. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Juan