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Karen came to Families Forward as a 27 year old, single mother of 6, fleeing domestic violence. At the time, she was unemployed and living in her car with her three youngest children, all under 3 years of age. "I had no choice but to live in my car," Karen said "It was either that, or going back to the abuse."

Karen was committed to creating a better life for herself and her children. Despite the obstacles associated with living in her car, she was able to apply for child support and secure a job at a fast food chain. Families Forward was able to provide Karen with an immediate, safe place to stay while continuing her housing search. "While I was in the interim unit, my kids were so happy. So was I!"

Through persistence and the assistance of one of Families Forward's housing partners, Karen was able to quickly locate a 3 bedroom affordable unit. Karen described feeling a sense of relief and freedom knowing her family had a place to call home. Karen will be working with her Families Forward Case Manager to achieve another one of her goals, getting her GED!

Karen's success is a testament to Families Forward's mission: when you provide a family with dignity, empowerment and hope, they can overcome any obstacle.