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Home

**Abby:** Moved into our home in March 2018. She has completed inpatient rehab, maintained her sobriety through Family Preservation, obtained a vehicle, and completed her phlebotomy course. Most importantly, she was able to get her son out of foster care. Currently, she is working at the Outreach Center while waiting to take the State test to become a Phlebotomist. Due to her son still being in the State's custody, she is required to remain living in our home. She is a model resident and we could not be prouder of her leadership with the other residents.

**Kymberly:** She has worked on her sobriety, relationship with God, placed her baby for adoption, cleared her criminal record, obtained a driver's license, received a donated vehicle, and completed her phlebotomy course. She is currently working at our Baby and Me Boutique while waiting to take her state test to officially become a phlebotomist. I am proud to say that she is attending RCIA and will be making her Confirmation in April! Currently, we have been collecting items to help her get ready to move into her new place.

**Amber:** Will be giving birth to her second daughter in February. Her oldest daughter is still living with the foster parents. She moved into our home in July and has made tremendous progress. She is fulfilling her requirements of Family Preservation. The program is designed to ensure she maintains her sobriety to become a healthier mother. It has four phases and Amber is nearing the third phase. Currently, we are working on her criminal record being expunged, so she can return to workforce as a medical office assistant. We are so happy to have her as part of our family.

**Jaslynn:** She is our latest addition to our "family by love." She is currently enrolled in Intensive Outpatient Rehab, parenting classes, counseling, GED at Goodwill, and RCIA. We are proud to announce that she will be making her confirmation in April as well! Her progress has been remarkable, and we are excited to see what her future holds. She is hoping to soon be reunited with both her children, whom are currently in the care of DCFS. Jaslynn was very soft spoken and shy, but eager to learn. It has been wonderful to watch her come out of her shell and blossom.

**Paige:** Seven weeks ago, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. After birth, because of complications, he was sent to New Orleans where he stayed a few weeks. A special thanks to Brittany Billedeaux, Cindy Chopin, and Donna Smith for volunteering their time to take Paige to see her baby in New Orleans. It meant the world to Paige! She decided to baptize him and asked Donna to be the Godmother for being there in her most desperate time of need. She attends Intensive Outpatient Rehab, parenting classes, counseling, GED at Goodwill, and weekly Domestic abuse support groups. Due to our amazing house mothers who are required to constantly supervise the residents, DCFS has allowed her children to be transferred from foster care to reside with her in our maternity home. Paige is kind and appreciative for the smallest things such as wheat thins. Her respectfulness and openness to constructive criticism is admirable. It's amazing what she can do, when she puts forth the effort.



We are so very thankful to everyone who made this Christmas so special! We are extremely blessed to have a community with people such as Mandy Difabio, Susan Saad (The Elves), Jeanne Domingue (Krewe of Victoria), Mr. Washington, and Emily Vanderlick (St. Pius Mom's Ministry), who went over and beyond, to form groups of people willing to make a huge impact on our Foundation and the lives of the families with us. Some of our families even adopted children individually, such as Susan Preston, Gwen Grimsley, Donna Smith, Linda McNeal, and Angela Richard.

**My personal favorite part of this Christmas season** was being able to witness the Chesnut and Forest families (Fatima families) involve their children (8-13 years old) shopping and then had them personally deliver the presents to the children of our maternity home residents. The parents' goal was for them to get a sense of appreciation for what they have and learn to have compassion for others who are less fortunate. It is a valuable life lesson that I pray more families take the opportunity to do with their children.

**We would not be able to do this without your help, support, and prayers.** Together, we will continue to save babies, provide the mothers with love, guidance, and confidence to provide their children with the life they deserve!

Thank You and God Bless, Krystal Rushing