



A Place To Turn for Emergency Needs

When you give to United Way, you are making a way better difference in the lives of families in our community. We are pleased to share highlights about one of the programs funded in part by United Way contributions: The Salvation Army's Booth Family Services.

Booth Family Services offers comprehensive services to meet basic human needs. It provides emergency and transitional housing services, prenatal and family health care services, individual and family counseling, and other educational and supportive services.

Jane, a pregnant 31-year-old mother of five children, lost one of the twins she was carrying. To protect herself and the remaining baby, she could not lift heavy items and was placed on maternity leave.

She and her husband were challenged to meet living expenses, as his income alone was not enough to meet the family's basic needs.

After some confusion about a utility payment, Jane's electricity service was shut off. Salvation Army resources helped the family restore its utility service on the same day.

After being abandoned, a 26-year-old woman named **Maria** and her twin 4-month-old babies came to the Salvation Army for help. She had been working full time before she became pregnant but had to quit work due to a high-risk pregnancy. After the babies were born, she tried to work full time. Numerous doctor appointments contributed to her decision to work part time.

Maria received an eviction notice and was behind on her utility bills. The Salvation Army case worker developed a plan to get Maria's electric turned back on and her gas and rent bills caught up. These services assured Maria's family would be able to remain in their home.

Maria used the food pantry located at Booth Family Services to get formula for her baby boys and was referred to United Way's 2-1-1 service for information on her neighborhood food pantry, community center, and an organization where she could receive some professional counseling for her situation.