

“HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL.”

It's a familiar saying that reminds us that even in the darkest of times, even on the coldest of nights, **hope endures, springing forth against all odds.** As the days grow longer and warmer, we are reminded how springtime fulfills winter's promise of hope. Life awakens again. A herald of better days, springtime is hope manifested.

Regardless of the time of year, JOURNEYS represents springtime to our clients. Take for instance the Abbott* family. In April of last year, the Abbotts came to us in need of help. They were a household of five - a mother, a father, and three children - one of whom had a significant intellectual disability. They were squatting in an empty apartment unit and slept on the floor. Between a physical disability that left Mrs. Abbott unable to work and a major medical emergency that required surgical intervention for Mr. Abbott, the process of getting the Abbott family into a stable housing situation was hardly an easy one.

But the Abbotts were determined to move forward. Working with our case managers, they were able to navigate housing applications while receiving shelter in our Hotel Shelter Program. **Despite their setbacks, the Abbotts remained hopeful.** With JOURNEYS' help, they were able to qualify for housing and eventually moved into an apartment. They remain housed to this day!

Working with JOURNEYS empowered the Abbott family to fulfill a promise of hope. Each individual and family that walks through JOURNEYS' doors experiences a different kind of winter, each has unique circumstances and needs. **Spring looks a little different for everyone, but hope remains universal.** Hope springs eternal.

Your support enables JOURNEYS clients to access the services, programs, and support they need to manifest their own springtime. **Your support ensures that JOURNEYS remains synonymous with hope for people in need throughout our shared community.** Thank you for continuing to help families like the Abbotts not only survive but also thrive as they work towards independence. JOURNEYS | Lives Here.

** The family name and some details of their story have been changed to eliminate identifying information.*

Warmest regards,



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Just a few of the organizations that help JOURNEYS bring HOPE to those who need it most.



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