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Shawn was living on the streets of Oceanside having to choose between paying for medical expenses or having a roof over her head. As fate would have it, Officer Ferry from the Oceanside Police Department Homeless Outreach Team received a distress call one morning. In a desperate cry for help, Shawn had threatened to take her own life. Officer Ferry responded to the call and promptly took action. In that moment, the start of Shawn’s recovery began.

Through a partnership between Interfaith Community Services and local police departments, Officer Ferry connected Shawn with Anna, a case manager at Interfaith. Anna was determined to help Shawn obtain housing of her own. Soon after, a bed became available at Interfaith’s Haven House Year-Round Emergency Shelter.

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After overcoming 15 years of chronic homelessness, Shawn was finally able to say, “Now I’m healthier. I look healthier. I feel healthier. I paid my rent. I paid my electric bill. I finally did that all myself.”

Interfaith is incredibly grateful for Shawn’s success, and proud to be part of her story.

Interfaith is proud to honor Supportive Services Intake Volunteer, Amanda Roth, as the 2019 NCPC Volunteer of the Year. Her continued dedication and generous nature is a perfect example of the values we hold at Interfaith.

Thank you for being such a giving community leader, Amanda!
Help Us Continue to Make an Impact!

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Learn About Volunteer Opportunities: interfaithservices.org/volunteer

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My family went from having everything to becoming homeless. Our life was good. We had a happy family, my three kids were doing well in school, I had a reliable job as the manager of a retail store, and my husband was a chef. My daughters, Sylvia and Stephanie, were enrolled in ballet and gymnastics, and my son, Manuel, was in boxing. We were living in a condominium and working with the owners to purchase it. We were doing well for ourselves.

Then my husband was arrested and went to jail. He was involved in illegal activity at work without me knowing. I had my suspicions since he was coming home late, but I was focused on being a mom and working hard at my job. My kids and I had to move out of our home. I couldn’t make my job hours work as a newly single mom and was let go. We lost everything.

Then I came to Interfaith. For the first time, there was a glimpse of hope. I told myself, in that moment, “I have to keep going, for my kids.”

Interfaith’s relationships with property managers helped me get approved for our own apartment. They helped me with initial move-in costs, and let us keep the new beds and household supplies we were given. I can now provide for my family and pay rent on my own. I want to work in Costco’s eye care & vision department and move up to eventually be able to pay for optometry. I want to work in Costco’s eye care & vision department and move up to eventually be able to pay for optometry.

I am so thankful for Interfaith. I don’t know where we would be without them. I am also thankful to you and the donors who support Interfaith. I know that we wouldn’t have been able to put our lives back together if it weren’t for you.

Thank you,
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