SUCCESS STORY

Jalicia Anderson Finds Her Home
With the Support of Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches

Jalicia Anderson was not raised in a stable household, but she was determined to provide one for her son. Jalicia grew up in an abusive household and then spent nine years couch surfing, never having a safe place of her own. She struggled to maintain a steady job due to her depression.

After exhausting all possible options, Jalicia and her autistic four-year-old son spent a month living in a car. Scared and without options, Jalicia contacted the County’s Homeless Resource Center.

Jalicia and her son were immediately placed in a motel. Staff from Adopt-A-Family’s Rapid Re-Housing program helped Jalicia secure an affordable rental unit. She was linked to therapy at a partner agency and attended regularly. Soon after being placed in her apartment, Jalicia landed a full-time security job and found dependable daycare for her son.

The Rapid Re-Housing program provided rental assistance that declined over time as Jalicia worked her way back to self-sufficiency. She always paid her portion of the rent on time, and Jalicia is now stable enough to maintain the entirety of her rent without assistance.

With your continued support, the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County looks forward to financially supporting countless other families who will experience homelessness at some point this year. Through unforeseen social circumstances, economic disruptions, the COVID-19 pandemic, and constantly shifting weather conditions, the value of your support is more crucial than ever. Thank you for helping us to bring families home!

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Thanks to the Homeless Coalition’s support of the Rapid Re-Housing Program in partnership with Adopt-A-Family, Jalicia is able to give her young son the home she always imagined.