

2021 ~ A Year in Review

Words from the Founder:

Donations from friends, neighbors, and the local Leland community have allowed many accomplishments for single mothers and their children in 2021. I would like to share a brief overview.

Family #1: Jen Fasset

Jen was from New York and her case was domestic abuse. Jen talked about her devastating situation with her husband back in May 2021. She spoke at the Shucking Shack Fundraiser.

I helped her with legal advice and assisted her at all court appearances. The case was out-of-state because the father of Jen's child lived in New York and he refused to come to North Carolina to visit their child. The judge had no other choice than order Jen to send her child, Piper, to New York for four weeks to live with her father. Jen was very nervous that Piper's father would not return the child and indeed that is what happened.

In short, Jen had to move back to New York, and the court awarded her full custody. Jen was not able to return to North Carolina, because the law in New York does not allow her to take the child out of the state.

I later received a very nice letter from Jen. She has gotten a very good job and her own apartment. Piper's father made her go back to New York and he still isn't visiting his child. Jen is very happy and is living a good life with Piper and away from her ex-husband.



Pictured is Caridad's founder, Carmen Schloner and Jen

Family #2: Jazzmin Graham

Jazzmin is a full time nursing student and works part time ~ her case was easy. Volunteers met her at the Harrelson Center when we had the last meeting and took pictures for our new website.

Jazzmin is very appreciative that Caridad paid for



Pictured is Carmen & Jazzmin

transportation to school and also gave her part of the electric bill when her work hours had to be cut for school exams. Caridad also took care of her children with presents at Christmas and she was very happy. She would now like to become a Caridad volunteer.

Family #3: Patricia Hewett

Patricia is a full time mother and works full time at a Nursing Home.

Patricia is working towards the CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) certificate at Brunswick College. She would like to become a Registered Nurse.

I am currently working with her as she needs a place to live and will need a lot of support.

Patricia is counting on Caridad's help for transportation, tuition, and lease deposit for the apartment. We have been working with Patricia for about 6 months and she is doing all that was requested. Patricia is very smart and extremely dedicated to her studies and her baby. She is keeping a grade point average of 3.8. I'm very proud that Patricia will be one of our success stories if she keeps up with our program.



Pictured is Carmen and Patricia

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**Family #4 and #5:
Irimi Avila and Wendy Barrios**

These are two families in one Caridad that have received help from donors and our volunteers.

A few months ago, I received a call from one of our local homeless agencies asking to translate for these ladies. They are from Honduras and only speak Spanish. I was sad to learn that these two moms, mothers of 3 children (ages 6-16 years) were totally homeless. When I started asking questions about what to do with these families, all local agencies did not have a place for them, meaning they were on the street. I discovered from Social Services and the Police Department that their children were going to be taken away because of negligence and not being able to provide a home for their children. I began calling everyone in the neighborhood, friends, and family for donations as Caridad does not have a budget for homelessness.

Thankfully, monetary donations and with the help of Caridad, we were able to put these families into a hotel for a week and half. They are finally now in their own apartment. I also would like to mention that generous people in Brunswick Forest gave them a dining room table, chairs, lamps, bedding and a local church provided new beds.



left to right:
Wendy and Irimi



Pictured are before and after photos of Wendy, Irimi, and their family.

These two single moms are so thankful to you and to all of the donors. They still can't believe how their family went from a very depressing trailer to this beautiful clean apartment.

Family #6: Single Mother of Two Children

Caridad will not be able to disclose any information about this courageous single mother. She is presently going to court to re-gain custody of her 5-year old child.

We have been working on this case for eight months and finally have a court date this month. Once the case is over, we will tell her story and publish on our website at caridadincnc.org.

Caridad Helped Families Smile at Christmas



Thanks to giving people like Tom and Karen Morrison these two youngsters received new bikes. Their first new bikes ever!



Caridad is about making single mothers happy. Pictured on the right is Aiden enjoying his new ride, thanks to the generosity of Dennis and Cheryl Bropst.

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