In this moment of struggle, all of our lives have been upended. Our children are home from school. We are working from home or may have been laid off or furloughed—or we may have to risk our health to continue going to work. Life isn’t the way it was before and we are grieving. Grieving that we can’t connect with loved ones in person, grieving the loss of a loved one, grieving the plans we made, grieving the feeling of safety we used to have.

The families Nicholas House serves are especially impacted by the grief, trauma and loss of COVID-19. For a parent working their way out of homelessness, losing their job or their childcare represents more than a setback. It’s a crisis. What will they do if they can’t pay their bills? How will they explain to their children that they might lose their home again? How will they keep themselves together when it feels like everything is falling apart?

That’s where you come in. With your help, we can lift up the most vulnerable members of our community through this time of hardship.

Thanks to you, Nicholas House can help moms like Keyshia, who lost her home after fleeing domestic violence, with rent, utilities and meal support to stabilize her family—and with the mental health resources she and her children need to process their trauma and move forward.

“Being homeless made me feel unworthy. I felt like I let down my kids, the little people that needed me the most. Being at Nicholas House was the best feeling I’ve had in a very long time. I came while pregnant and I was offered a room with my own bed. The kids had their own bed. And we needed that when Coronavirus happened.

Being here has been good for us. I’ve become more patient and I’ve achieved goals in such a short period of time. The staff go out of their way to make sure that each and every family has their needs met and I got the counseling I needed. I’m just grateful that I was able to experience this journey. Now we are leaving, moving into our own place with our own key, and would really like to thank everyone that played a part.” - Keyshia

Thanks to you, last week Keyshia and her children graduated from our emergency shelter into a home of their own, where they can safely stay together as a family. Thanks to you, many more families who have felt the economic and emotional impact of COVID-19 will receive vital case management, eviction prevention support and other resources they need to make it through this time of uncertainty.

But the need continues to grow. Vulnerable families need our support.

Will you make a gift to Nicholas House today to help families stay safe, sheltered and healthy through COVID-19 and beyond?

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