Meet Sherica

Sherica is a single mother of 5 living in Decatur who is on a fixed income due to her disability. Three of her children are adults and live on their own, but she still parents her 16-year-old and 9-year-old sons full-time. Sherica often faces challenges making ends meet on her income because it is so low and there are always unexpected expenses when her kids need clothing, school supplies or other services. An unexpected expense left Sherica fearful that she wouldn’t be able to make rent on her apartment.

When Sherica reached out to Nicholas House’s Prevention Team for rent and utilities assistance, she was speedily assisted with payment of her past-due rent, her light bill and grocery store and gas cards to help stabilize her through her time of crisis.

“I asked myself, ‘Why are we in this predicament?’” she says. “I didn’t know what I was going to do if we couldn’t make rent. When the case manager said that I would be eligible for help, I cried. Sometimes I just spend $1 a day to try to make ends meet and this was such a relief.”

We are so glad to be able to help Sherica and her sons stay in their home.

“I just want to see my boys find a good career, finish school and make mom proud,” Sherica says. “And all I want for myself is to make them happy. I’m so glad for the help.”