

A Young Family's Goals Achieved

We recently received a success story about a young man and his family from one of our Community Service Coordinators. We would like to share his story:

A young family learned a valuable lesson as their world was torn apart due to a drug conviction. The Court had the attention of both parents when they lost custody of their precious child, Jenny.* The father, Joe,* came to seek assistance from the Alston Wilkes Society, explaining his determination to rebuild his life and reunite his family. The Alston Wilkes Society first provided a Picture ID voucher and referred him to partner agencies for clothing and food. Then they referred him to the One Stop Career Center for employment opportunities and encouraged him to return to school.

The Alston Wilkes Society helped Joe develop a Client Service Plan to establish goals and strategies to reach them. Joe soon found employment and was able to rent a home for his family. He also completed financial aid applications, with the help of the Alston Wilkes Society, and received a Pell Grant. It was a wonderful day when he learned he was approved for financial aid and was able to enroll in Phoenix University. Joe's wife also enrolled in school and graduated from Shalom House. The couple finally regained custody of Jenny.

Joe is grateful to the Alston Wilkes Society for helping him to rebuild his life, but more importantly, for helping his family to achieve their goal to become reunited.

*Names changed for privacy.