

An Email Testimony: SSVF Success Story



Hello Sharonda,

"I am sending you this email to give you my testimony on how God allowed Alston Wilkes to be a blessing to me. I have been homeless since August and I became homeless due to lack of income and life hardships. I am a believer and I know that all things work together for my good. I was able to find my 17 year old some place to stay but it was not the same for him, he slept on the floor and in a place where 15 other people lived. It was very uncomfortable for him, I would go by to check on him, make sure he ate and had clean clothes. My son never complained but I could see it in his eyes how he longed to be back with me his mom. It's October now and it's getting colder, the weather is changing.

In the meantime every chance I got I would spend the night with my cousin, but that did not go well. I would sleep in my car and prayed to God to help me find a place to live. It got cold the temperature would drop at night and I would find myself sleeping in my car at McLeod park, with my pillow and an old quilt my mom had made. The next morning I would get up and dressed for work in the car. Go to McDonalds and wash my face and brush my teeth, this was my daily routine. I went to school for the guard, due to my concentration level I was in able to complete the course. And this had devastated me, as I drove back to Florence I cried and cried because I knew I had no place to go back to. Staying at this school was the only place that I was able to sleep in a bed and where three meals a day was given.

I got back in my car drove back to Florence cried all the way back and asking God why? Am I going through this. That night I stayed with my brother and as I laid there on the floor crying myself to sleep. I told God that night I was going to find me a place, and that I was coming out of this situation, so the next morning I got on the phone and called Mrs. Sharonda Eagle and asked her can she see me and she said I have a client but I will, so she told me to come by her office. Once I got there I sat in the waiting room until she came in. A few minutes passed, when Mrs. Sharonda came in and sat down beside me I broke down crying I explained to her that I am so tired and I need to find a place soon. Sharonda comforted me with encouraging words. Sharonda took me to her office and started going thru my paperwork, she reminded me to go back to school and to get all the benefits entitled to me and she gave me hope from her life past struggles.

Sharonda drove me around to different places to look for an apartment and homes. The first two places rent too high for my budget. The last place we went to was the favor of God, we went in the apartment nice and clean. Two bedrooms washer and dryer hook up, fridge and stove included. When I left from viewing the apartment and speaking with the renters I felt a sense of relief, finally this burden is being lifted to God be the glory.

We moved in and the first night my son laid on his bed and fell asleep he was so happy to finally be home in his own bed. Able to eat and take showers and to get the proper rest he needed. Fast forward I was in my new home before Thanksgiving and already made two rent payments on time and have a freezer full of groceries. I will be starting my first semester at a technical college in February, surgical tech. When I slept the first night in my bed that was also a blessing because I did not have a bed before. To God be the Glory.

I am forever grateful to Alston Wilkes and their employee Sharonda Eagles a woman of God who took the time to show me what God's grace looks like and how to go back recover, reclaim what belongs to me. Sharonda thank you for being that listening ear for your patience, dedication in helping me find a place to call home. This has really been a faith walk and a closer walk with God. I will never forget what I went through in 2014, and I will never forget you Sharonda. But I will declare and decree that 2015 will be the year that I will recover it all in Jesus name.

Thanks Alston Wilkes for being a blessing to me and my son. The struggles is over to God be the Glory. " - Sheila