



The Philomena House Newsletter

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Garden at Philomena House

Six months ago, we interviewed a pregnant homeless woman

who was sleeping on her friend's couches. "Leona" was referred from another organization that helps pregnant women.

Leona was struggling to make ends meet. After our three-interview intake process, we invited Lee to move into Philomena House.



As part of our program, Leona not only has her own private bedroom, but she shares the rest of the house with other guests and our house mother. We continue to address the areas found necessary, and she is "fast forwarding" toward her hopes and dreams.

When Leona was growing up, her family struggled with being homeless. Lee was the oldest and sometimes had to stay home from school and watch over her siblings while her mom worked. She said she used to open canned food and heat it on a hotplate. Eventually, Leona moved in with her grandmother and was able to finish high school.

Our Life Coach, Kay, has been working remotely with Leona during the Coronavirus outbreak. Pictured below is Leona working on a budget to determine how she will make ends meet after she has her baby and gets her own apartment.

Leona working remotely with our Life Coach, Kay

Kay said, "It has been a delight working with Leona. She is a young woman with oodles of potential. Leona is kind and seeks a career of service to others. I am honored to work with her."

Please keep Leona in your prayers as she gets ready to deliver her baby any day now. Thank you for your financial support that makes this work possible.

God bless,

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