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Dear Life Savers,

As you know, my Thanksgiving letter usually starts with a message from me and then has words of thanks that I ~~eoere~~ request from the girls. This year, the girls didn't leave me any room, so here are their messages. The first one is an unsolicited email I received just the other day.

Hey guys! I just wanted to say hello and to tell you that I think of you guys all the time. All that I learned and how you guys were my stepping stone in life when I needed it most, I will be forever grateful. I miss you guys all the time, think about you and pray for you as well. I work for a non-profit, Feeding America, here in Tampa. I love my job, and it reminds me of where I've been and how far I've come. Thank you guys again for everything, I love you...

*God bless you and we love you guys,
Jenitza, Luis, Elexia & Xavier*

I'm thankful for all the love my son and I receive from the staff and volunteers of My Father's House. I'm also thankful for the donations of cleaning supplies that allow us to keep our home clean and safe. I'm very thankful for the volunteer baby sitters who helped me take care of Jeremiah when I was sick.

Iris

I am thankful for My Father's House for providing my daughters and me with a roof over our heads and a safe environment to live in. I resided at MFH in 2005-06, when I was pregnant and gave birth to my first daughter. The MFH clinical staff did not have to allow me to return in March of 2009, after I had my second daughter; but because I showed enthusiasm toward staying as long as necessary and succeeding to become an independent young mother, they agreed to give me a second chance.

Almost every day, Nancy, the house manager at MFH, provides my daughter and me with transportation to daycare and school (where I am studying design and visual communications) in the morning and home in the afternoon. If Nancy can't provide a ride, often another staff member or a volunteer will offer to give us a ride. Even though, as part of our training, transportation to doctor appointments and other appointments is our responsibility, we sometimes get rides for those, too.

My Father's House has a house store where we can buy baby and adult products for the same price as, or cheaper than, at stores. When a young mother moves into MFH, a savings account is opened for her. The money we give to the house to buy these products, and also money we pay as a monthly security deposit, goes right into our individual savings account. When someone moves out of MFH, they receive this money back, provided they have followed the contract guidelines.

I am also thankful to the staff at MFH for helping me with my daughter when I need it. Sometimes it is overwhelming if my daughter is fussing and I'm not sure what she wants or needs. There is always a staff member to help me understand her reason for fussing or to watch her if I need to leave the room.

If it weren't for My Father's House, its loving and caring staff, and the donations MFH receives from you, I would not be where I am today, on the path to my life goals. I am greatly thankful to you, our donors, and to our staff members for keeping My Father's House up and running, even through this year's economic recession. Kevin and Cathie Coffey, the founders and directors of My Father's House have a true gift of God, and I would like to thank them especially.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank our Father above for making everything I have mentioned possible. As I write, I am deeply touched and full of emotion just thinking of how much My Father's House greatly helps young mothers, including me, with the help of God.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

Leah

I am thankful for all the staff, residents, and volunteers at My Father's House. They welcomed me into their lives with open arms. I was going through a rough time in my life. I felt really depressed, really gray, and really uncomfortable moving in with a bunch of strangers; but each day they greeted me with a smile, inspired me with words of wisdom, and proved to me they cared. I am thankful they showed me the light to happiness. I once was lost, but now I'm found.

Shaina

I've only been here for a few days, but I am thankful for My Father's House for several reasons. I'm thankful that, for once, I don't have to wake up to a house filled with arguing, yelling, and tension. I'm also thankful for the atmosphere at My Father's House. It really does feel like home. I've already gotten a lot closer to my son, and I no longer feel my life is going downhill. I'm thankful that My Father's House exists, because without them I don't know where I'd be right now.

Noelle

My Father's House is a wonderful, beautiful, and lovable home. The people at My Father's House took me in their arms and gave me hope – hope for my daughter as well as for myself.

There are no words to describe the immense appreciation I feel within my heart. Strangers did what friends and family didn't. They took me in and turned me into one of their own, meaning they have brought another daughter into their house. I feel very lucky and grateful to be here. I feel blessed, secure and, most importantly, I know my daughter is safe.

I'm relieved because I'm in a place where I can learn, gain knowledge, and put into practice the skills to become the mother Aaliyah needs. I can teach her many things, such as that honesty is the key to life and how to be a better human being. Moving into My Father's House has been the best decision I have made in my life.

I know God put each one of us here for a purpose. I also know God brought me here, and I am very thankful for that.

Lydia

What can I add to that, except to say I am thankful for all the wonderful people who give of their time, their talents, and their treasury, to make it possible for My Father's House to have such a positive impact on so many young lives. When God's people reach out in love, miracles happen.

In His service,

Kevin

Kevin Coffey



Christmas Shopping – If you are an online shopper, you can save money and help My Father's House while you shop. Just go to www.goodsearch.com, type Life Saver Ministries where it asks "Who do you Goodsearch for?" and then click "Shop Now" a little lower on the page. Almost any online store you can think of participates. You will get a discount and My Father's House will get a percentage of every sale.



Christmas Jazz Concert – The Lowell First Church of the Nazarene is having a Christmas Jazz Concert to benefit My Father's House and The Greater Lowell Food Pantry on Saturday, December 19th, at 7:00 P.M. Admission is \$5 per person, which will go to My Father's House, and at least one canned-good per person, that will go to the Food Pantry. Join us for some Great Christmas Music.

For more information:

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