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Furniture for Families

One of the hardest things about being poor is saying no to your children for things you would love for them to have. The happiest I ever saw a grown woman was when FFF handed my client princess sheets for her daughters new bed. Princess sheets!! Life is good.

When entering a home as a social worker, you never know what you will find. Norma's home was introduced to me with great pride. The apartment was her first place of her own. Norma had escaped a violent home, was coping with a disabled child and doubtful she could handle life alone. Everything she and her children owned was neatly stacked on the perfectly vacuumed floor and except for 2 folding chairs and a wobbly garden table there was not a stick of furniture in the place. She left the FFF warehouse a month later with everything she and her children needed. More importantly the staff treated her with respect and kindness. She left feeling proud and hopeful. She said her new goal was someday to volunteer for FFF.

I have brought 7 families to FFF in the past year. Seven families whose children no longer sleep on the floor. Seven families who have a table to sit and eat together. Seven families who can do homework at a desk, put their clothes in a dresser or sit together on a couch. All these families had experienced some hardship or twist of fate that meant they had to start life over and build a life for their children. I watch these families walk away from FFF incredibly happy and with a renewed belief things can change.

Sincerely,

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