

Help for Sayra Pineda and daughter

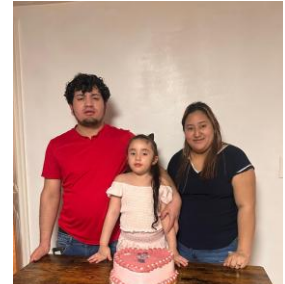
Sayra Pineda is struggling to get by since her husband was deported a month ago. She is behind 2-months' rent. She lives in an area of the city where there are several Honduran families and other immigrants. I have known many of the families for years including Sayra. She has never asked for help before.

Sayra was working when she was laid off because she is pregnant. She is due September 26th. Still, she wants to go back to work. She is a worker and I know she will find something.

Sayra has a five-year-old daughter, Daylin Judith. Because Sayra is pregnant she receives food from W.I.C. There are other Honduran families nearby and they help one another when there is need.

These are good people who only want a better life than they had in Honduras. They are an asset to our nation, but obviously the Government does not agree with me.

Most of the families are Catholic and I have been directing them to the Cathedral where they go to Mass. They pack the Cathedral chapel. Catholic Social Services helps pregnant mothers as well.



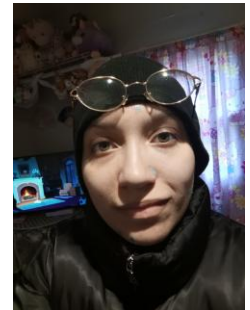
Familia Hernandez

Report on Cynthia Collazo

Cynthia just turned 21. She has been living with her mother, Marisol Lopez, who I've known for 7 or 8 years. She is now pursuing a career as a beautician at Empire Beauty School in Center City. She basically hasn't worked except for a brief stint in Giant supermarket. She wants a career. So, here's hoping!

I've known Cynthia as long as I've known her mother. Cynthia, however, was not always at home because she found it difficult to live with her mother who is mentally ill. She spent a year in a foster home when her mother was hospitalized for 3 months. Then a second time she spent 3 months in a foster home.

She needed help to be able to travel to the beauty school as she had no money for bus fare. So, several parishioners have been footing the bill, around \$100 a month. She has finished 3 months of training and has 3 months more to go. She loves it and has not missed a day.



Solanni Guzman

Parishioners and others have helped Solanni and her 3 children so that today Solanni is in training for the National Guard. She will continue till next September. Meanwhile, Solanni's mother is caring for the children. The twins are 8 now and their sister is 6. Below is Solanni's address at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Please write to her. She would be encouraged to hear from you.

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