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How I overcame Homelessness.

This is my story ...

I have 5 children and 5 grand-children - 3 more on the way.
I always held down employment.
D. E. S. nine years - to helping mothers and there children in Domestic Violence. and Caregiving for the Elderly.

I went thru sometime of change in my life. It happened so quickly I felt stuck I lost my job. Then my apartment. My two youngest daughters did not know how to get thru this stage. I have always taken care of them. I had convinced my self that I was a Terrible Mother and Grandmother.

I tried to hang on until I convinced myself I had no hope. I made a lot of wrong decisions trying to fit in. Not everyone is able to fit in, I still had a heart-mind-integrity I was scared a lot. I remember saying "God please save me from myself."

I had a suitcase on wheels I took with me everywhere. I was trying to get into a center for rehab. and this is what changed my life.

I was at a women's center they offered me a 28 day program. I found out I had breast cancer. I went thru the radiation on the streets. The more I became aware that I am a woman of worth. |

The night track program arranged a interview for Circle the City Respite center. I was in the Respite center the very next morning.

My whole heart and life just kept changing me around. I stayed at the respite center for 5 months - of Chemo. I was in such a positive place. The healing process was so quick you would never had known I was going thru Chemo.

Circle the city also supported me with dentures, as well as a Voucher for shelter for me. I became 1 of the first patients to be on the Board of Directors. I became an artist while I was there, everyone treats me like a angel.

2 years and 8 months
later, I am still involved
with the AA program, advocate
for Circle the City. I will tell
you "The word HOPE" is what
I have. I thank you all
who is involved with the project
in front of me.

Thank you for everything,
my life, my family is all
set on a spiritual plane
of inspiration

God Bless