



NEWSLETTER

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Reaching Towards Higher Education



A very deep and buried thought rose to the surface 20 years ago and became possible because of YOU---**THE COMMUNITY**. The thought: Why let single parent families live their day to day existence by going from one nonprofit to the next in order to solve their daily problems? Why not college educate single



parents who have a desire and determination to move from homelessness and poverty to a college degree AND be the role model for their children to follow the same process?

You **The Community** helped us to purchase an old apartment, remodel it, decorate and furnish it, then fill it with happiness and cheer. Then you, **The Community**, helped us to find just the right families that could move from despair and hopelessness to building self-confidence and becoming educated.

As we proved our point, that this concept would work, you **The Community** supported our growth. We added additional homes, continued to offer more opportunities to all of the families, and the Moms and their children have thrived.

Now as my Motto goes, "Faith, Hope and Beg"... You **The Community** have stepped up to the plate time and time again to answer our prayers, solve our problems, love our families, and be the most incredible and "giving" Community in which anyone could live.

You **Our Community**, deserve "thank you's, hugs, and pats on the back", especially from the 20 incredible women who have achieved their goals. "From Hopelessness, Homelessness and Poverty, to a College Diploma, (and off of the government system). You **THE COMMUNITY** are the ones who have given of your time, your energy and your monetary means to help our Mom's succeed with, "I CAN, I WILL, WATCH ME".

Eveline Rivers McCoy

Desire and Determination

Shannon's Story

Eveline's Sunshine Cottage Alumni



My name is Shannon McCarty, previously Shannon Davidson. In 2006 I was introduced to Eveline Rivers McCoy, my real life angel.

My three children and I were staying at Faith City Mission because of many wrong choices in life which had led me down a road I no longer wanted to take. I was ready to take control of my life and my kids future, so God and I had a talk and I began my journey down a different path. It took a leap of faith for my kids and I to land at a home-

less shelter but my life, (our lives) were changed forever. I was introduced to Eveline after two months in the shelter and given the opportunity of a life time to live at Eveline's Sunshine Cottage. I was able to obtain my RN, Registered Nursing Degree. I currently work at Northwest Texas Healthcare System.

As a result of this degree I was able to buy a car and become a first time home buyer within my first year of graduating, which gave my children and I a stable life. They continue to thrive today. Kagen, the eldest, is married and he and his beautiful wife reside in Los Angeles, California. Kagen has worked in landscaping and now climbs cell phone towers. Vanessa is currently taking classes at AC. She is working, lives in her own apartment and is learning how to be a responsible adult.

Allee Rose, the baby of the family, is 13 years old. She enjoys being the only child at home and plays sports (currently basketball). Last but not least, I later met the glue in my life, my best friend, my husband, Jackie McCarty with whom God has greatly blessed us. God is good and I am often overwhelmed by His goodness.

Thank you so much to our community who have and continue to donate to Eveline's Sunshine Cottage. You are truly helping to change lives for the better. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Shannon McCarty



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A word from our Board President

When I met Eveline 6 years ago, she asked me if I would be willing to help pour concrete for a driveway on one of the cottages. I wasn't sure what Eveline's Sunshine Cottage was or who Eveline was. After ten minutes of her telling me what the cottages were about and how it helped the moms and the children, I found myself paying for all of the concrete and sitting on the board of directors! It was not so much about how persuasive Eveline can be, but more about the heart that she has for our moms and the desire that she has for them to succeed. Eveline's Sunshine Cottage is not just a safe haven for our moms to begin again. It is an opportunity for our moms to change their lives and the lives of their children! I have had many conversations with our moms and they tell me that they are the first in their family to ever go to college, much less graduate from college! I respond with; "and because of your hard work and dedication, now your kids have the same opportunity". This desire, this opportunity, this achievement couldn't be possible without the support of our community. And because of the support that our community graciously gives, our moms graduate and obtain great jobs that allow them to give back to the organization that gave them their opportunity. Thank you for your continued support and investing into our moms future.

Larry Bunn



Jessica Welch BSN, RN one of Eveline's Sunshine Cottage Alumni was recognized as one of 25 Panhandle Great Nurses. She says, "I work with many outstanding nurses who deserve this recognition. I am humbled to have been selected. Being a nurse is truly a calling and not just a career. Thank you to the people who have supported me along the way and glory to God for without Him, I am nothing."

