



HAVING TRUE PURPOSE

Clorissa faced enormous challenges when she welcomed into her home a family friend's three children who had entered the foster care system. As the children's case progressed, it became clear they could not return to their original home, and Clorissa decided she wanted to become their forever family. However, as a "fictive kin" placement, she lacked the official support that state-approved foster homes receive. Without financial support from DFCS, fictive kin placements like Clorissa's often struggle. Despite these barriers, Clorissa's determination never wavered. Her Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, Liliana, played a crucial role in connecting her with community resources and ensuring the stability of the children's placement. Clorissa succeeded in providing a loving home for all seven children in her care. Clorissa's dedication and perseverance culminated in a joyous adoption when Alissa, Emilio, and Eva officially became part of Clorissa's family. This heartwarming success story illustrates the profound impact of community support and the importance of programs that United Way funds. With your support, United Way can help more families like Clorissa's overcome obstacles and provide loving, stable homes for children in need.

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