

# Eligibility

## Who can participate

- You** are a parent with minor dependent children in your custody. If a couple, you are married and are both the legal parents of your children as verified by a birth certificate. Note: Pregnant mothers also qualify.
- You** are verifiably homeless according to HUD guidelines. In general, if you think you are homeless, you probably meet HUD guidelines.
- You** are willing to work full-time and possess legal documents to work in the United States. Exception: If you have a permanent disability and can provide proof.
- You** agree to actively participate in the Solutions program including coaching, education, workshops, classes, counseling, and (if needed) outpatient substance abuse treatment.
- You** can maintain the appropriate behavior of your children, and enroll them in school full-time.
- If you** have a mental health condition or diagnosis, you will take your prescribed medication and participate in counseling as needed.
- You** can pass a drug test.
- You** understand Solutions is not a "safe house." If you are fleeing a recent domestic violence situation, we can refer you to a safe place and you will have the option of entering Solutions at a later time.
- You** do not have a criminal conviction for physically hurting other people (including children), or destroying property.



Jennifer, left, graduated from Solutions University and is now a manager at Solutions Farms, our innovative aquaponics farm that provides work experience for participants in our program and organic produce for local schools.

## Start your journey

### A better future starts here

Families completing Solutions University call it a life transformation that equips them to overcome every hardship, including addiction disorders, domestic violence, unemployment, past convictions and generational poverty. Our goal is to guide families through their own transformational journey here at Solutions for Change and help them accomplish what never seemed possible, including solving their homelessness.

### We believe in your success

If you feel ready to make a change in your life, then contact us today. Our knowledgeable staff will guide you through the enrollment process and answer any questions you have so you can begin your journey toward a better life for you and your family.

## Contact us

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We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the Nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin



# Solutions for Change

A permanent solution for family homelessness



Solutions for Change



## A Story of Hope-Filled Purpose

### It started with a promise...

In 1999, Chris and Tammy Megison were working at an emergency winter shelter, when a little girl named Jessica pulled Chris' sleeve and innocently asked, "Hey mister, do you live here too?" Chris looked at the girl and then over to her mother who was preparing a bed on the shelter floor while holding her baby brother. Chris got down on one knee, looking into the girl's eyes, and said, "I don't live here, sweetie, and my wife Tammy and I will do everything possible so that you, and your family, won't have to either."

The girl's eyes welled with tears, and so did Chris', and a vision was born—to solve family homelessness. This one night forever changed not only the lives of Jessica and her family, but the lives of 750 other families and over 1450 children through a promise that evolved into the imperative known today as Solutions for Change.

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Skills, knowledge, and resources from day one, →



Housing



Jobs



Life Skills



Health



Counseling



Childcare

# Solve family homelessness, permanently

### A complete solution

Solutions for Change is a nonprofit committed to solving family homelessness through our Solutions University program. This unique program is a 1,000 day partnership that equips families with the skills, knowledge and resources that create amazing life transformations. It's not just a housing solution, it's a "change your life" solution.

Our focus is creating strong, independent families that are capable of pursuing every opportunity they want in life, from raising a happy family, to creating a successful career, to buying a home and sending kids to college. Each adult in our program follows an individualized program crafted to meet his or her goals.

### It's more than just housing

Think of Solutions University like a college university program, but instead of math and science, you learn how to raise a successful household. Our program includes counseling services to overcome past hardships, classes on parenting, leadership and household finances, job skills training and work experience – all supported by a highly skilled corps of case managers to guide you every step of the way. From day one, we provide all these services, plus housing, food, health services and childcare to give you a solid foundation to build a successful future.

## Solutions University

New Beginnings

Solutions for Living

Solutions for Life

1-3 Months

500 Days

500 Days



## Transform your life in 1,000 days



It starts with believing in yourself and that your family's homelessness can be solved. When you work toward this goal, amazing things happen—you overcome hardships, your children finish school, you find employment and purpose, and most importantly you permanently solve homelessness.

### We've solved homelessness for...

more than

750 families

1450 children