

Guest Highlight



Our Mission

**Empowering
people who
are homeless
to move to
economic and
personal self
sufficiency**

Meet Antoinette

It's hard for Antoinette to wrap her mind around the degenerative eye disease that's been claiming her sight since she was a child. To accept, at the age of 26, that she is blind.



Losing her sight hasn't been Antoinette's only hurdle. Her father, an alcoholic, was absent for most her life, and Antoinette's living situation with her mother was unstable. When she was barely 20 years old, Antoinette left her little girl and boy with her mother and stepfather "to do something better" in terms of her life and the lives of her children.

Antoinette ended up living on the streets and lost her ID. Told Crossroads could help her replace it, she sought out the organization. *"I couldn't see enough to fill out the paperwork,"* Antoinette recalls of the day in 2003 she walked into Crossroads. But she didn't want to tell anyone she couldn't see. That's when she met program director, Dominic "Nic" Heard. *"People think that you're different when you're losing your sight. He never did that,"* she says of Nic.

Recently Antoinette purchased her first home where she lives with her 10-year old daughter and 7-year old son. Though she'd rather not think about the time she spent on the streets, having a place for her and her kids is a wonderful thing. Her kids think so too. A handmade Valentine's Day card from her boy hangs on her office wall. *"To the bestest Mom ever,"* he wrote inside. *"I love you."*

Antoinette hopes to soon have surgery that may restore her sight.

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