

Guest Highlight

Kim Reliford

*...Renewal Project helps Guest through
heartwrenching tragedy*



*People make it
happen!*

**Our
Mission**

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

Kim had just come to Atlanta from Macon to look for a job when she got a phone call telling her that five members of her family died in a house fire.

“In a second, everything was gone — three sisters, a brother, and my mother.” Kim will tell you, still fighting back the tears three years later.

Immediately she began to break down. And being in a new city, she was simply wandering the streets of Atlanta sobbing. A lady saw her crying and asked Kim if she needed some help. Turns out this lady was homeless, had just eaten her daily meal at the Crossroads Kitchen — and she told Kim where she could get help.

This homeless angel in disguise brought Kim to Crossroads.

Dominic Heard, program director for the Renewal Project which is a 90-day stabilization program, immediately stepped in to help.

Nic could see Kim was in tremendous distress and arranged for her to be evaluated at Grady Hospital. From there, Kim relays, she spent time at Georgia Regency which is a psychiatric hospital.

Thanks to an incredible man with Norfolk Southern Railroad, for three years now Kim has been steadily working. And she really beams when she proudly tells you about her twin daughters who are in their third year of college.



“Crossroads did everything for me. I cannot forget all the arms that came to hold me that day. Many of the Crossroads staff members just wrapped their arms around me and held me.”

After tragedy, the sun will shine again.

The Renewal Project literally helped Kim renew her life — from breaking down after a horrific tragedy, to beaming today.

Helping Kim is just one example of how everyone with Crossroads will do whatever it takes to help its special Guests sustainably end their homelessness.

If you would like to help Crossroads help more Guests like Kim, you can make your gift online at:

www.crossroadsatlanta.org