

Glendale CARES Project Testimonials

Candice Rusk



Candice Rusk is still recuperating from the financial, mental, and emotional hardship of her mother's passing in 2016. After losing her Palmdale home, she was living in her car at the Metro link for almost a year when she met a current Ascencia client who encouraged her to connect with the agency. Reluctant at first, when she witnessed her friend find housing and employment with Ascencia's support, Candice finally committed to change and called Ascencia in early 2020. Focusing on finding employment, she was hired as a security guard with a local security agency.

With the help of emergency housing placement during COVID-19, Candice is able to rest peacefully, save money, and work towards her housing goals. Though hopeless at the beginning, she is now seeing light at the end of the tunnel and is excited to work with Ascencia and the City of Glendale towards permanent housing.

Michele White



Michele White is grateful to be receiving emergency housing thanks to Ascencia and the City of Glendale. She lost her hotel construction job in 2018 and immediately called Ascencia for assistance. After being a resident of Ascencia's Emergency Housing Program from November 2018 through August of 2019, she feels lucky to have Ascencia's continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is currently working with Ascencia to find her forever home so that she can start her new job at the end of the global pandemic. Grateful to Ascencia, she had

these kind words to say: "Kiara is so great. Armando and Alfred are the absolute best."

Thelma Bailey



Thelma Bailey fell into homelessness last year after being evicted when she couldn't afford her raised rent. After receiving help from Ascencia once before as a victim of domestic violence, she turned to them again. With a history of chronic health conditions, Thelma is of high risk to contract the virus. For her safety, she was placed in the City of Glendale's COVID-19 Motel Project. Ascencia continues to work with her to obtain permanent supportive housing. She is grateful for the assistance and has reported reduced stress after being placed in the

COVID-19 Motel. Feeling safe and secure, she can now focus on finding a permanent home.