

A Success Story submitted by Volunteers of America, Delaware Valley – Eleanor Corbett House showcasing: “Ms. SS”

Our story is about a woman, “Ms. SS”, who was being housed with her 3 grandchildren. Ms. SS had come to our facility after relocating from another state. Once coming to NJ, she was forced to take guardianship of her grandchildren due to their mother no longer being in a position to care for them. While staying at our facility, we were able to assist her in enrolling the children into school and childcare, as well as assisted in helping her find permanent housing. She was involved in all of our activities, including Money Smart and life skills courses. Ms. SS did endure some setbacks while staying with us, but she never let those setbacks stop her from her goal of attaining stability.

Ms. SS was an older woman who also dealt with medical issues. She was taking care of her grandkids while simultaneously trying to take care of herself. We were able to support her with transportation to and from medical appointments, and helped her with retrieving her medications and keeping up her treatment plan. Her resilience paid off as she and her grandchildren were able to locate and move into permanent supportive housing. In checking in on her months later, she is still in said housing and her grandchildren are doing very well.

