



United Way
of Gloucester County



Volunteers of America . Eleanor Corbett House

A 2021 SUCCESS STORY FEATURING...

MS. D AND MR. C

After experiencing a few bouts of homelessness, Ms. D and Mr. C, along with their two children ages 8 and 4, entered the Eleanor Corbett Housing Program via assistance through the Gloucester County Board of Social Services (GCBSS) on July 15, 2020. Both Mother and Father experienced childhood trauma with family mental health issues, which caused them to have trouble with sustainable housing among other things. The father struggled with behavioral and educational issues, causing him to be kicked out of school in the fifth grade, as well as learning to deal with his mental health after being diagnosed in 2006 with schizophrenia.

The Mother struggled with stress and anxiety. While in the program, mother and father were linked to health services consisting of counseling sessions for mental health as well as assistance with enrolling the children in the Elk Township School district. Dad having recently obtained his GED, was able to find employment with a local Landscaping Company, with interest in furthering his career as a Heavy Equipment Operator. The mother, who had her high school diploma, was able to obtain employment with Amazon on July 23, 2020, and was interested in obtaining her Associate's degree in Business Administration. Due to the family's increased income, they were no longer eligible to receive Emergency Assistance from the GCBSS, but were able to remain in housing by utilizing the funding provided by United Way of Gloucester County. The family moved into permanent housing on August 19, 2020 in Gloucester County.