

Before Vincent House, Shana used to isolate herself at home and sit on what she referred to as her “pity pot.” She wasn’t able to find meaning and hope in life. In her own words, “At Vincent House, I found people who believed in me. Previously I had been told that I might not be able to work. Coming to Vincent House gave me goals for the future. It gave me a sense of self-worth and confidence that I would not have had otherwise.”

Thanks to Vincent House, Shana is now working, has a support network, and is dedicated to raising her child. Again, in her own words: “It’s a good feeling getting up in the morning knowing that I am not only a good mom, but a provider as well. I get my son up and ready for school, and then I get myself ready for work. If it weren’t for Vincent House, all of this would not be possible.”

We cannot help Shana or anyone else without you. There are nearly **300 individuals on the Vincent House waiting list.** Our ability to assist, promote, and partner with them in their effort to recover social and vocational skills and become employed is **directly** dependent on your generosity. Your contributions to Vincent House **directly** support our members in daily rehabilitative services.

Will you help Vincent House continue to transform the lives of individuals living with a mental illness?

Your contribution will assist individuals like Shana and her son. In addition, it will help Vincent House maintain its status as an exceptional place – an exceptionally GREAT place!

Enclosed are a donation card and a return envelope. Please fill out the card and mail it today with your generous donation. Or, you can donate on-line at www.vincenthouse.org.

When you donate, you too can know the joy of helping someone realize a full life, as Shana is doing. It truly is a *priceless* feeling!

Sincerely,



Dorene Thomas, Chief, Pinellas Park Police Department
President, Vincent House Board of Directors

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