



## Finding Stability: A Mother's Journey Toward Safe, Secure Housing

When Francisca's landlord suddenly decided to sell the home she shared with her children, she had no choice but to use her savings to pay for a hotel. What she thought would be a short-term solution quickly became unsustainable. After two months, the money was gone, and the future felt uncertain.

"I had nothing—No money, no support," Francisca said. "I was struggling just to get my kids to school."

Everything changed when her daughter's school, Donegan Elementary, a [United Way Community School](#) in the Bethlehem Area School District, referred her to the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley, one of five [United Way Community Hubs](#) in the region. There, Francisca found the connection and compassion she needed.

"They made me feel like I wasn't alone," she shared.

With support from staff and a network of trusted partners, the Hispanic Center helped Francisca apply for food assistance and Medicaid benefits, connected her to the food pantry and assisted with referrals for rental support. Within a week, she and her children had a new place to call home.

"We're proud to be one of five United Way Community Hubs in the region," said Hispanic Center's Marshalena Agosto. "It allows us to do this work in a way that's deeply rooted in trust, culture and connection."

Francisca's story is a powerful reminder that when families are met with care and community, they don't just recover. They rebuild with dignity and hope, showing that **UNITED, families thrive.** [Give today.](#)