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“Bringing Children Home” Reunites Another Family!

Today was an exceptional day for a mother, and her 14-year old daughter and 10-year old developmentally disabled son as they were reunited in their new home in Prescott, AZ. After years of addiction and striving for recovery, this mom began her participation in the Providence Place BCH Phase I program in May 2009. Determined to qualify for BCH Phase II, this parent complied with all levels of her program and rose to senior status quickly! She completed her 21-week SRT “Responsible Parenting” classes, which is a prerequisite to qualifying for the BCH Phase II Program. She served as a wonderful example to the other women in the program who hoped to qualify for BCH Phase II program.

November 2009 marked the start of the family’s private weekend visits in the “BCH Family Apartment”, a 2-bedroom fully furnished apartment available for family visits to mothers or fathers who are residents at Providence Place in good standing. For families who have not lived together in quite awhile, this is the perfect opportunity for BCH parents to rebuild the bonds with their children in a supervised setting. As the reunification date grew closer, family visits occurred every weekend, allowing everyone to grow more comfortable with the reunification process.

Mom was overjoyed with the realization that she and her children would finally be living under the same roof again! “BCH is like the family I have lost (both of mom’s parents are deceased)! I never expected this much...thank you!!!”

The family moved into a fully furnished apartment where they will live in for the next year. They will receive intensive case management services designed to supervise, support and assist the family as they navigate the challenges of life together again. Prior to moving into the home, mom met with her case manager and CPS case worker on a regular basis to plan for the responsibilities that come with being a mom. Mom worked on budgeting, childcare issues, transportation concerns, and scheduling challenges in an effort to be better prepared for the demands and rewards of parenting.

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Bringing Children Home is a program designed to offer families in recovery an option for continued assistance upon reunification with their children. BCH children have been in foster or family care; while their parents have been participating in their own recovery so they are better prepared to meet the needs of their family in recovery. Upon completion of a sober living program of no less than 7 months, the family is provided with an affordable, fully furnished apartment for a recommended commitment of one year. The family's progress will be supervised by Kerry Whaley, the BCH Case Manager.

After successful completion of a minimum one year commitment, the entire contents of the apartment become the family's "Housewarming Gift" from the BCH Program. This truly is a "fresh start" for a family who would typically not have the means to furnish a home otherwise. When ready, the family may choose either to move out on their own or Providence Place will arrange for a long term rental on their behalf. The family then automatically progresses into BCH Phase III. Phase III will follow the family, at no additional charge, for up to five years providing assistance when needed. Recognizing the family's accomplishment, the family is invited to remain actively involved in the BCH Alumni Program enabling them to serve as peer mentors to other families engaged in varying phases of reunification.

The BCH Program is the only program at Providence Place that is completely dependent on community support and tax deductible donations. With generous contributions in the past from Del E. Webb Foundation, J.W. Kieckhefer Foundation, Margaret T. Morris Foundation, Phoenix Suns, Prescott Noon Lion's Club, and the Prescott Kiwanis Club and others, "Bringing Children Home" has been able to make a difference in the lives of several families since opening in 2008. For more information on Bringing Children Home, please visit the website, www.aprovidenceplace.com, where tax deductible donations can also be made via Paypal. Providence Place, opened since 2000, is celebrating their tenth year of service in Prescott, AZ and Yavapai County.

In the event you require further assistance, please contact, Kerry Whaley at Providence Place (928) 776-8164.

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