



Lanetha's Story

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My cause is homelessness. Homelessness can impact anyone – whether through natural disaster, loss of job/primary income, veterans returning home, or, even less commonly talked about, the foster youth that age out of the system. I am a native of the state of Louisiana. During my childhood years, each time that there was a pending storm in the Gulf of Mexico, my family would board up the home, store any items that could become a flying projectile during the high winds, and we would pack our car with clothing and leave for a few days. Generally, the storm would pass and our friends and families would return home to minimal damage. That was before Hurricane Katrina! Our family was one of the fortunate ones, as my mother's job relocated us to the Midwest before the storm hit. CFC charities that have successfully placed families, individuals, foster youth, and veterans in safe, secure and AFFORDABLE housing on a PERMANENT basis require our continued help and funding. The funding allows charities to offer immediate assistance through temporary shelters. The charities also offer hope as the individual is offered a step up from homelessness.

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