

# The Providence Perspective



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## "Opening the door to Independence . . ."

A Newsletter for the Friends of Providence House

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## In Her Own Words . . .



Vanesa with her son, Jeremy

### Vanesa - Program Participant

Vanesa came to Providence House with her 4 month year old son after leaving an emotionally and verbally abusive relationship. Vanesa explained, "I was always told I was a bad mother. Before I came to Providence House, I felt like I was not moving forward with my life and I was told I would not do anything with my life. But I knew I needed to do something for my son to have a better future."

Determined to provide a better life and environment for her son, she began the process of applying to Providence House. From the moment she enrolled in the Providence House program she began to work through the many hindrances to her self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

Every day, Vanesa had to rely on a friend to pick her up for work at a retail store. She did not budget and manage her finances, which prevented her from purchasing the things that she needed, such as reliable transportation. Attending a technical program was Vanesa's goal, but because of the chaos in her life, she was unable to move forward with that goal.

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Flash forward a year and a half and Vanesa has saved for and purchased a vehicle and is on track to completing Lorenzo Walker's dental assisting program at the end of July. Her little boy is now 2 and will grow up seeing his mother work hard to provide him a peaceful and safe home. Vanesa's outlook has completely changed. Her face lights up when she expresses, "Now I feel like a good mother. I've come a long way. Our lives *will* be better. I'm excited to graduate from my dental assisting program and start work. I love being a dental assistant!"

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Annual Luncheon - Nov. 14  
Marco Island Dinner - Jan. 18  
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