Meet Clara, and her three daughters: Chanell, Clarissa, and Sharline! Not too long ago, this family was housed at the Holland Rescue Mission. The struggle of finding affordable housing coupled with challenges of leaving life behind in Chicago had left them in need of so much.

Clara came to Holland to better the lives of her children - seeking a better life for them, opportunity, and most of all, safety: in the schools, education, and neighborhood. It wasn't easy for her to leave things behind on the other side of Lake Michigan, and that leap of faith brought Clara and her children to Community Action House. We recently visited her in their home, recently provided by the Community Housing Partnership in collaboration with Good Samaritan Ministries.

Now, Clara and her daughters have a place to call their own, to do homework, to be a family together, and to have safety during their progress to prosperity.

Immediately after finding out that Clara would be moving in, her case manager Melissa called Mike, the General Store Manager - because
Clara didn't have any furniture or household items! Mike asked volunteers to collect the things that Clara would need around the house: sheets, dishes, silverware, lamps, towels, just to name a few. By the end of the day, volunteers and staff had delivered it all to Clara's home, along with a truck-full of furniture: beds, tables, chairs - everything you would need to eat, sleep, and live.

We'll stand by Clara and help her in every way we can, and tip our hats to everyone involved in supporting her: the financial donors that make housing possible, donors of furniture and household items to the General Store, the volunteers that collected and delivered the items - all strong and essential community partnerships.

What is on our Wishlist? We Need A New Van!

CAH's Faithful Donation van is on its last legs. After 4 years of service, the "bread truck" will soon be unable to make its 5-days a week route around Holland to pick up the 12,000+ pounds of food each month from our local hunger-fighters, like Target, Aldi, D&W, Hope College, and Little Caesar's. The food picked up each day is turned into 5,500-6,900 meals per month served at the Community Kitchen, and supplies fresh bread, meat, and veggies for the Food Pantry each day.

What can you do to help? We want to salute Broadview Product Development - they're hosting a cycling-themed fundraiser right now (click to visit) to help replace this critical community vehicle! While that's very related to transportation, maybe biking's not your thing. Visit our donation page online to designate your financial gift to replace the van.
Are you aware of the content of your thoughts? Your emotions? Do you have tools to manage the components of yourself that ultimately determine your success? During this 6-week course connect with yourself while also learning tools to help motivate and inspire change in others. Topics discussed include Awareness and Management of mindsets, thoughts, emotions, and behaviors. This course has proven to be transformational for many. Please consider enrolling or encouraging your agency or company to invest in a training, today.

Empowerment Workshop begins March 20th
6pm-8pm, Mondays – Mar. 20-May. 1 (Break Apr. 3)
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