

*"I don't know how I could do this without your support. I never thought I would be raising my brothers. Thank you!"*

*- Carmen, raising her brothers*

# Impact Update

Your support at work

# HALOS

Because Family Matters.®

WINTER 2022

## YOU give children who can't be with their parents the priceless gift of a loving home with family



Your gift helps Carmen, who is only 20, raise her younger brothers after their grandmother died.

**Do you remember being twenty, when you were just starting out in life?** Now imagine how your world would have changed if you had to **take in your two brothers**. Not the life you pictured, is it?

**Fortunately, you were there to help Carmen when this happened to her.** She's experienced hardship before and persevered. She'll do it again. Her brothers are counting on her! And this time **she's got your support**.

When Carmen was a teen, her stepfather molested her. **She and her brothers were placed with their grandmother** by child welfare. Their grandmother provided a loving and supporting home. After high school, Carmen got a job as a grocery store cashier and started her adult life.

**Then tragedy struck again.** Carmen and her new husband returned from their honeymoon to find her grandmother in the hospital. She had suffered a heart attack. She died a few days later. **Carmen's 10- and 13-year-old brothers had nowhere to go.** *Continued on page 2*

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*Carmen's story continued:*

**Carmen was her brothers' only hope. Their parents aren't safe.** Despite the challenges facing this young family, they stepped up. And **because you support HALOS, they found help.**

Carmen's voice was grim when she called HALOS. She was afraid. She didn't know if she could do it because she's so young. Her husband's job is 100% commission-based so the entire family depends on her cashier's salary to make ends meet. Teen boys eat – a lot.

**But Carmen was committed. She would do whatever it took to help her brothers.** To reduce disruption for her brothers, Carmen kept them enrolled at the same school. That means she drives them every day. After grief counseling, the **boys' grades are improving. They have support from teachers and friends who know them.**

Thanks to donors like you, HALOS linked Carmen to legal services, utility assistance and clothing for her growing brothers. When she recently called, her voice was filled with pride and hope. **"The boys are happier, and they're thriving here. That's all that matters,"** she reported.

As you think about your year-end giving, won't you consider giving children in kinship care the priceless gift of a safe and loving home with family? **Your gift will be put to work immediately providing expert assistance to kinship families.** You make all the difference for families like Carmen's.

## Are YOU interested in saving taxes?



### Ways to Give

#### STOCK:

Potentially reduce future capital gains and give more than you would with a cash donation.

#### IRA:

If you are 70½ years or older, you can contribute from your IRA directly to HALOS and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution.

Looking for ways to **give and save on taxes**?

- ✓ You may want to give **stock**.
- ✓ If you are 70½ years or older, you can make a **tax-free donation from your IRA**.
- ✓ Does your **employer match gifts**?
- ✓ You could make a lasting impact for kinship families through your **estate**.

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## YOU are making the holidays bright for more than 1,250 children in kinship care

You know that the **holidays can be stressful**. Thank you for helping kinship caregivers provide holiday surprises for the children in their care.

Aunt Edie cried when she learned her nephews had never had a visit from Santa. She was determined to **show them the joy and wonder of the holidays** this year. But she didn't know how to make it happen. Their **family budget is tight**. Because of wonderful donors like you, Edie's nephews - and 1,250+ children in kinship care like them - will **experience the magic of the season** this year.



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You can look inside to learn how your support has helped change the lives of kinship families. Thank you!

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