

The Lloyd Galvan Family:

Jonnie Galvan, Kyron Lloyd, La’Niah, Delilah, Kyron, Jr.

Parents Jonnie Galvan and Kyron Lloyd found themselves without a place to live last year. They were living with Jonnie’s mom, until her sudden death. Grief stricken from the loss of a beloved parent and grandparent, they also needed to find a new place to live. They stayed with relatives, until the family of five could no longer rely on the good will of family.

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Jonnie grew up in Woodland not too far from the shelter and knew about Fourth & Hope and its services. When they needed a place to stay, the family found their way to Fourth & Hope to begin what turned out to be a lengthy stay. While the average stay at Fourth & Hope last year was 47 days, the Lloyd Galvan family stayed 485 days to work through their case plan toward the ultimate goal of acquiring stable housing.

“Coming to Fourth & Hope changed everything,” said Jonnie. “We grew up at the shelter; we had role models in the staff Charlotte and Johnny, and they helped me to manage money and start saving once I got a job.”

Every day brought a demanding schedule: wake up at 5 a.m., breakfast at 6 a.m., chores to clean up the shelter, then take the children to school. Fourth & Hope is not able to provide day services, so Jonnie and Kyron couldn’t stay there during the daytime. In their first weeks and months at Fourth & Hope, they looked for jobs, housing, and getting their financial life in order, learning how to make a budget and stick to it. Jonnie found a job first and began working 12-hour shifts; it was rough, given the demands of her work schedule and the shelter schedule not always meshing. But they managed. Later, Kyron was hired by a local business.

“There have been good days and bad. If you want to better yourself you have to do what you have to do,” said Kyron. “It is important to stay strong and motivated and work together towards the goal.”



Staff members Charlotte Baur and Johnny Miller at Fourth & Hope with the Lloyd Galvan family.

This family is a tight knit group, all with a positive attitude. The children have a positive feeling about their time at Fourth & Hope. A favorite memory of theirs was the evening snack time, especially when there was cheesecake.

The children shared happy memories of the Christmas celebration, the people who came and sang Christmas songs, the visit by Santa, and the hot cocoa.

“We felt so blessed and were so grateful. There were gifts for the children – socks, underwear, shoes and blankets,” said Kyron.

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As they prepare to move into their new home, Jonnie and Kyron have this advice for clients of Fourth & Hope: *“Follow your case plan. Listen to your case manager and do it for yourself. Never lose hope and lose your faith. Never give up.”*

Note: *Fourth & Hope works closely with Yolo County Social Services, Yolo County Housing Authority, and other organizations and agencies to make housing successes possible.*