

THE BOND OF FAMILY

Because of some family concerns, I was left to take care of my step-brother and step-niece from Georgia without any notice. Both have intellectual disabilities. I didn't know what to do.



I found out about Families Helping Families of Jefferson, so I went there for help. I was provided with the assistance, information, and the ongoing support I needed to help me get my step-brother the support and services needed in the community.

I was also given much-needed support and assistance to get my niece in school. It was a bit difficult navigating the school system, but with the help of FHF of Jefferson, and their knowledge of special education and the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children & Youth Assistance Act, a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth, I was able to get my niece in school with an interim IEP, uniforms and the appropriate transportation needed to get her back and forth.

To Ms. Laura and Ms. Bebe, thank you both for all of your help!!! You were angels for all three of us!

I want the world to know that there are still good-hearted people, willing to help, guide, support and even fight for you and your loved ones! I will never be able to thank you enough!!! You have been a great support through all this process.

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