



## PROFILES OF HOPE

### *Sabrina*

Sabrina is a single mother of four girls. She also supports her mother who is disabled. Serving as the only provider in her household, Sabrina was able to support her family by having a stable job as a General Manager at a local restaurant. Then in March of 2020 everything changed. Due to Covid-19, the restaurant had to close and she was laid-off. Sabrina was devastated.

"Going from a stable job with full-time employment and benefits to unemployment was a huge impact on our family," said Sabrina. "Unemployment is not enough to support four children and two adults."

Because of her job loss due to Covid-19, Sabrina faced painful decisions - she had to decide whether to pay bills or put food on the table. Then things got worse. Sabrina was notified the restaurant she had managed would not make it financially after the Covid-19 shutdown and would be closing its doors permanently. "I felt hopeless. I could not pay my electric bill or rent, and I needed to put food on the table. I felt I had nowhere to turn and then my sister recommended calling Caritas."

Sabrina called Caritas and was connected with an Intensive Case Manager. Caritas was able to help Sabrina and her family by paying their late electricity and rent bills. "Caritas helped me when I had nowhere to turn. In addition to the bill assistance, I am also able to get food at Caritas to help feed my family."

Sabrina is still job searching but has enrolled in school to use her time to further her education. "It is so hard right now. Not many people are hiring, especially for restaurant managers. I am thankful that my family and I have a place like Caritas to turn to during this time of crisis. Many people are hurting right now and need help."

