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One phone rings, and the caller is a survivor in crisis, needing a safe place to escape. A second phone rings, and it's a donor apologizing because they need to reduce their giving.

We know this year has been difficult for both our clients and our supporters. Financial hardship impacts everyone in our community – from those needing help to those wanting to give it. And we know that the need for Doorways' shelter and services will only continue to grow. Abuse worsens in times of uncertainty.

An urgent call needs an immediate answer. We answered.

Melany called our hotline late one night. She had called us for support before, but this time was different: **she was ready to leave and needed somewhere safe to go.** Our shelter was full, so we immediately secured a room with one of our hotel partners. Our team met Melany, her 5-year-old twins, Sam and Max, and their little dog, Cookie, there.



That room became the family's temporary refuge: a safe place where the twins could sleep, with Cookie curled up at their feet. **Melany felt like she could finally breathe.**

Doorways needs you. Your support is lifesaving.

A few nights later, our staff helped the family move into our Safehouse. Sam and Max found joy in the playroom, while Melany cooked their favorite: spaghetti and meatballs. After dinner, they took a walk together around the neighborhood with Cookie. That night, they read a new book for bedtime in their own room.



Weeks later, the twins started at a new school, a fresh beginning for this family. Sam got an all pink and sparkles Barbie backpack; Max got a Pokémon one with his favorite characters. They were skipping on their way to the bus stop. **Moments like this are possible because of you.**

The need for emergency shelter for survivors is the highest it has ever been. Survivors need our lifeline; Doorways needs you. **Your support saves lives.**

In just the last three months, we've answered 500 calls like Melany's.

As more survivors reach out, we're calling on you to ensure that no one has to wait.

Donate now to double your gift of safe harbor, healing, and hope! You make it possible for Doorways to say "yes" when someone needs us most. You are part of this community's safety net for survivors and their families, including their pets.

Because the need is greater than ever, this year, our generous matching donors have doubled the total matching funds to \$150,000! **Your donation will be matched, dollar for dollar,** multiplying your gift at this time of critical need.

With your support, we will continue to be there for every survivor, every time. Thank you for everything you make possible when you donate to Doorways!



Gratefully,

Diana Ortiz, M.Ed., LPC, President and CEO

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"I am so grateful for Doorways," Melany said. "They have been there for me at my lowest and have celebrated my accomplishments – even the small ones. They've helped my kids and I so much. If it wasn't for Doorways, I don't know where or what I'd be doing right now."

"Months ago, I wasn't sure if I would make it out of my domestic violence situation alive, but because of Doorways, **my family and I are now in a safe place.** I've had challenges, but Doorways has always been there for me."