

Here some stories:

My family came to the United States from Ukraine on March of 2019. Being new immigrants, it is hard to acclimate to the new culture. Apart from leaving the hostile environment, my family is struggling financially. We do not have mattresses to sleep on and are still in the midst of figuring out how to get accustomed to paying rent, utilities and getting used to the way things work in the U.S. The TANF is a huge help and emotional boost!

My name is Dima, I am a senior in high school. My father passed away two years ago because of liver cancer. I live with my disabled mom, she is a stage four breast cancer survivor. Because of the TANF I will be able to graduate.

My name is Marichka I am mom of 4 years old girl and 2 years old boy. Because of the TANF I was able to escape abusive relationship.

Note for mom: I'm 38 years old; my husband is 42 years old. My family immigrated from Ukraine to Portland, OR six months ago. Our family is expecting another child; he will be our sixth, the oldest is 10 years old. My husband generates \$2,150 in gross income. Our rent expense was \$1,850. Currently, IRCO helped us obtain a different residence at a cost of \$1,650, and helped us pay the rent for the second consecutive month. We receive TANF assistance. TANF helped us cover the remaining bills, clothes, housing supplies, and transportation expense.

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