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**TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF CREATING FAMILIES**

Transitional Living Center Is Celebrating 20 Years of Providing Stability and Support For Homeless Women With Children In The Spokane Area On Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am.

**SPOKANE, WASH --** Since 1993, Transitional Living Center (TLC) has been dedicated to helping homeless women with children create stability in their lives. Now in their 20<sup>th</sup> year, hundreds of women with children have been touched by TLC, a transitional housing program in which participating families may live for up to twenty-four months. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Transitional Living Center will be celebrating 20 years of investing in the lives of the families served.

In the last ten years, the Transitional Living Center has helped change the lives of more than 319 families with 735 children. Over the last two years, 28 moms advanced their education and 39 families found permanent housing with help from Transitions. With programs like the “Strong Families Initiative” that assists CPS involved families stabilize in housing to EduCare that provides free daycare for children to weekly meetings and activities, TLC helps women with children learn the skills they need for independent, successful living.

Before coming to TLC, Amanda, an alumna of the program, and her little girl were sleeping in cars while trying to find a place to live. Amanda’s biggest barrier, “Not having rental history was the biggest difficulty for me.” Amanda decided to finally take action and enrolled at TLC where she felt like she could finally get ahead.

“After being at TLC it was easier to get into my own place because I had a history of paying my rent on time and [fulfilling] my responsibilities. Not having that before made it difficult.” Now, Amanda has been approved for a home loan and is 6 months away from getting her degree in Chemical Dependency Counseling.

Amanda’s not alone. Every day, women with children are struggling to find a place that will help them move towards stability and give them a chance to get ahead. The Transitional Living Center has dedicated 20 years to being that place for women, like Amanda, who just need a step in a new direction.

**Transitions:** Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions administers five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Cafe. For more information about how you can work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email [mtracey@help4women.org](mailto:mtracey@help4women.org), or visit our website at [help4women.org](http://help4women.org).

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