



Glorie has two daughters, ages nine and four. Glorie had been living with her abusive boyfriend for seven years but left him two years ago. He also is the father of the children. When we met her, Glorie was working as a home health aid and trying to support her family.

One day, Glorie's boyfriend, Gerry, approached her as she was coming home from work; her daughters were in the car. Gerry knew that their nine-year old had just had a birthday and had received money from his parents. He asked Glorie for the money. When she wouldn't give it to him, he yanked her out of the car by her hair and started beating her. The police were called and he was arrested. A few days later Glorie received a threatening phone call, which she believes was from his friend. The caller told her that she should never have had Gerry arrested. He also told her what her girls had been wearing that day and that he was watching her.

A few days later, someone broke into Glorie's car and stole her wallet and paycheck. Glorie lost everything including that month's rent. She called her landlord who was understanding but of course she could hardly afford the loss in pay.

Glorie continued to come for counseling by was very tense. She was afraid that her boyfriend would kill her. The Safe Haven counselor helped Glorie explore housing options near her sister who lives in Massachusetts. Glorie and the children went to stay in a shelter outside of Boston. After several months, Glorie was eligible for subsidized housing. Glorie contacted Safe Haven several months ago. She and the children are doing well. She has a good job and is going to nursing school. She thanked her counselor for helping her have a second chance.