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In Her Own Words...

My name is 'Libby' and the decision I made to leave 15 years of marriage was not easy. I was scared, confused, hurt, and felt absolutely alone. I came to know Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) through the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

My home life was not a peaceful one, to say the least and after a lot of thought I made a decision to move into the BATP shelter. At first my son and I were sharing a room with another lady and her son who was the same age as my son. So there I was sharing a room with a complete stranger. I took a deep breath, said a prayer, and continued on.

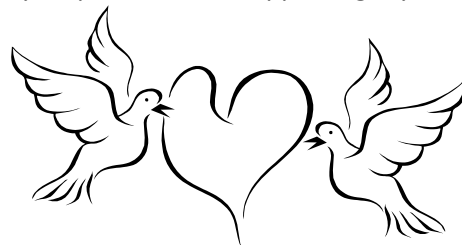
While in shelter I meet with a Caseworker, a Legal Advocate, a Career Counselor, and a Therapist. The caseworker provided me with the proper forms to fill out for assistance with food, medical services, and provided information about opening a savings account. The Legal Advocate provided information on how to obtain a protective order, and what steps to take for obtaining a free attorney. The Career Counselor gave me countless job leads, and lots of reassurance that the right job would come along.

The Therapist helped me find myself. She asked questions that really made me think. I was so concerned about my son's well being that I neglected to care for myself, not realizing that if something bad happened to me who would care for my son.

There were plenty of classes to attend such as Parenting, Violence against Women, and my personal favorite the Assertiveness class. The classes were not only informative, but allowed me to see that I was not alone.

I continue to benefit from BATP. I am enrolled in the Self-Reliant Program (SRP), a program is designed to help individuals strive for independent living. The program works if you make it work for you. Ask questions, get involved with the classes and programs, and don't give up. I said a lot of prayers, and left everything in God's hands and this is where he has led me.

Someone once told me that I was a follower, not a leader. That is not true because I am a leader in my son's life, and I am a leader in my own life. But, I would not have been able to lead without God directing my steps, and BATP supporting my efforts. Because after all, I am a survivor.



**Join BATH at the BATH Celebrating
Wellness & Technology Festival
Saturday March 20 10AM—3PM**



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and its Healthcare Partners Committee recognize the value of healthy living and that this region boasts many world-class healthcare providers. In an effort to introduce the services and latest technologies available from these healthcare providers to Bay Area Houston families, the committee is staging a Celebrating Wellness & Technology Festival on Saturday, March 20, at Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park just off NASA Parkway. The event is free and open to public! 10 AM – 3 PM. Radio Disney will take center stage – plus more entertainment, games and prizes to delight the kids. Free health screenings! Technology demonstrations!



**Take Me Out to
the Ball Game**



Join BATH to watch the Houston Astros take on the Philadelphia Phillies Saturday April 10th at Minute Maid Park for a 6:05 PM start time. Special discounted tickets are being offered and a portion of each ticket goes straight to BATH. Invite your friends, family, co-workers, employees and anyone else to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Astros and support BATH. To purchase the special discounted tickets, please visit www.astros.com/bath. For more information please contact Christi Cheramie, Development Director, at 281.204.8841.



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- Childcare Worker

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