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## A FAMILY'S WISH COME TRUE

Families face all kinds of problems. But not too many have had to endure what Howard's family went through.

Howard's wife died, leaving him to care for their two small children. Not long after, a minor stroke left Howard unable to work. He eventually lost his job and had to depend on family just to survive.

These hardships put a terrible strain on Howard, and his children, Wayne and Maggie. Losing their mother had been especially difficult for them, and they sometimes acted out in anger and sadness.

When the kids started getting in trouble at school and in the neighborhood, it pushed Howard to the breaking point. He feared his kids would be taken away from him if things didn't change.

During a visit with a school counselor, Howard learned that Boys Town had a program that could help.

A Boys Town Family Consultant began working with the family, teaching Howard positive ways to discipline his children. Through practice and encouragement, Howard started to see real improvement in their behaviors and his own parenting. The family became closer and better able to get through tough times.

Toward the end of the family's time with their Family Consultant, Wayne had a birthday party. He paused a long time before blowing out the candles on his cake. Howard asked what he wished for.

"For us to be together," Wayne said, smiling. "And that wish already came true."

## IN-HOME FAMILY SERVICES<sup>SM</sup>

### *Hope and Healing for Troubled Families*

- » *Powerful destructive forces are threatening to tear families apart across the country.*
- » *Any family could be one crisis away from disaster.*
- » *You can help!*

**In-Home Family Services<sup>SM</sup>** provide life-changing care to families that are struggling to stay together or are in danger of having a child removed from the home. No matter what the underlying cause — economic hardship, substance abuse, marital issues, family conflicts, health challenges or others — the goal is to keep children in the home, or to reunify them with their family if they have been removed from their home. Specially trained Family Consultants work right in the parents' home, helping them to improve parenting skills, create a safe, nurturing environment for children and use resources in the community to solve problems on their own. In addition to making regular home visits, Family Consultants are on call 24/7 to provide support and assistance.

### **Family-Centered, Skill-Based Care**

In-Home Family Services<sup>SM</sup> bring Boys Town's research-proven care to children and families to prevent small problems from turning into crises. Interventions are family-centered and skill-based, and focus on building on a family's strengths. When families have already reached a crisis stage, Family Consultants can help them work through tough times and regain their footing so children can stay with their parents, where they belong. When children cannot safely return to their parents, Family Consultants work to ensure children find a permanent home through guardianship or an adoptive family.

Families are referred to Boys Town services by the court or state agencies, often because of abuse or neglect in the home.

### **Connecting Families with Community Resources**

Besides providing direct assistance and guidance in the home, Family Consultants also help families connect with services in the community in the following areas: education, housing, employment, mental health/substance abuse, domestic violence and day care.

When families can tap in to community resources, they are better able to prevent and solve problems on their own after their in-home intervention ends.

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## **Saving Children, Healing Families<sup>®</sup>**



## OUR MISSION

Changing the way America cares for children, families and communities by providing and promoting an Integrated Continuum of Care that instills Boys Town values to strengthen body, mind and spirit.

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### ABOUT BOYS TOWN NORTH FLORIDA

One of the earliest of Boys Town's national sites, Boys Town North Florida has brought life-changing care to tens of thousands of children and families in the northern portion of the Sunshine State since 1983. The site's Integrated Continuum of Care programs touch the lives of 6,100 people in the Tallahassee area yearly.

For more information about Boys Town North Florida services, visit [boystown.org/north-florida](http://boystown.org/north-florida).

### ABOUT BOYS TOWN

Boys Town has been a national leader in the care and treatment of children since its founding more than 90 years ago by Father Edward Flanagan.

As one of the largest child and family service organizations in the United States, Boys Town offers a broad spectrum of services through our Integrated Continuum of Care. Boys Town youth, family, community and health care programs touch the lives of nearly 1.6 million people across the country yearly.

## Research

» *Providing Lasting, Life-Changing Results*

### Positive Outcomes

FOLLOW-UP STUDY FINDINGS FOR IN-HOME FAMILY SERVICES<sup>SM</sup> PROGRAMS

**FAMILY INTACT** 91%  
91% of families served remained intact

**BASIC NEEDS** 96%  
96% of the families' basic needs were being met

**SCHOOL** 92%  
92% of youth were either attending school or had graduated

**RELATIONSHIPS** 77%  
77% of youth got along well with their family

**RELIGION** 58%  
58% of youth regularly attended religious services

**HEALTH** 81%  
81% of youth had a personal physician

**POSITIVE IMPACT** 96%  
96% of families reported a positive impact

In-Home Family Services<sup>SM</sup> programs are based on the research-proven Boys Town Model<sup>SM</sup>. The Model contains the core principles and values of our approach to child care and is the foundation for all services provided through Boys Town's Integrated Continuum of Care<sup>SM</sup>.

Research shows that Boys Town's In-Home Family Services<sup>SM</sup> give at-risk families the best chance to turn their lives around and find success at home, in school and in life.

## YOUR SUPPORT

*Helps Us Help More Children and Families*

Thousands of children and their families find hope and healing at Boys Town. But the need is great and growing. Your generosity can ensure that our community's most vulnerable families find life-changing care through our In-Home Family Services<sup>SM</sup>.

To learn more about how you can be part of Boys Town's mission, call **850-575-6422** or visit [boystown.org/north-florida](http://boystown.org/north-florida).

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