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She had a happy childhood with two parents and a brother.

She tried her first cigarette at 16.

She became addicted to meth just two years later.

She put herself through rehab twice, but still couldn't kick her addiction.

She has two kids she would do anything for, including asking for help.

She's been sober for almost two years.


Her name is Abbie.



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She was raised by a single mom.

She got into college on an academic scholarship.

She found herself unexpectedly pregnant at 20.

She left school to care for her newborn.

She landed a job, but the hours were inconsistent.

She struggled to find reliable & affordable childcare, which led to her losing her job.

She couchsurfied for six months before finding herself in a homeless shelter.

She was connected to the resources she needed to secure a full-time job with benefits.

She just put a down payment on her first home.


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She just celebrated her eighth birthday.

She loves to read because her dad taught her.

She hasn't seen her parents in over three years.

She walks home from school most days because her grandparents are still at work.

She spends her afternoons alone, playing outside or watching TV.

She wants to go outside for recess but forgot to do her homework.

She gets excited to see her friend, Miss Amanda, who asks questions about her family.

She now spends her afternoons at the school with other kids, playing games that make both her body & mind tired.

She hasn't missed a recess since.

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