

The following is a testimony of a current Native American woman living at Miracle Center. She is holding down a full time job and doing well. She sends a lot of her earnings back to her husband on the reservation who looks after their numerous grandchildren while their parents work. The cost of her rent at Miracle Center is \$500/month. Should you wish to sponsor Ella for some or all of her monthly rent, it will help her to save enough money to put a down payment on an apartment for her and her husband here in Tucson, where they can start a new life together.

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My name is Ella. I am a member of the Tohono O'odham tribe and have lived on the reservation for most of my life. I'm now over 50 years old, and married with 5 grown children. Living on the reservation was a bad mistake for me because one of the biggest problems and the way to make money there is transporting drugs, plus the fact that drugs and alcohol is a major part of life out there. All this became a part of my life and almost ruined it in every way. It put my marriage thru thick and thin. My children were worried and tired of the way I was living my life. All this went on for too many years. After making runs to take care of my family there was always the use of drug and alcohol to end it.

Today I still thank God for stepping in and having me spend time in prison after finally getting caught with a drug haul. I was sentenced to 33 months. I was sent to women's prison camp in Phoenix where I did a drug treatment course that lasted 10 months. It was there also that I got to know the Lord Jesus in a way that I didn't know was possible. I loved what I was learning and knowing of Him. When I opened my heart for His love it was the best thing that ever happened to me and my family. When He blesses me of my prayers, it is great!

I was released and sent to a half-way house for 6 months. While staying there I was told about a Faith Based transitional home called the Miracle Center where I can learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ and the tools necessary to live a drug-free, God filled life. God has given me a heart for His people on the Tohono O'odham reservation. I want to go back home to be a messenger of Christ so I help people to see and know that living a life of drugs and alcohol is not what God wants for us.