



Andrea was living in a shelter with her youngest child Reino when she got the call that she had secured her dream apartment. Her second youngest, Nathaniel was initially living at the shelter with Andrea and Reino but once he was diagnosed with autism and several other severe medical issues he had to stay with his cousin. With both her boys diagnosed with autism and no support from their health providers, it became a very difficult situation for Andrea.

**“My housing manager got a call from Brielle at SHC, saying that there is a house in Arlington, and they asked if I would take it. There was someone in the family shelter that was up for it as well. Then Brielle called back saying she had an apartment 10 times better for me and my boys than the one we originally identified!”**

Excited to have a place of her own, Andrea checked out the new apartment with her Case Manager Corrina on her first day on the job.

**“It was December 19th, which was the best day ever. We saw the apartment together and we were both really tearful.”**

After 10 months in a shelter, Andrea and Reino moved into their new home in Arlington last January on her birthday! Fast forward 6 months, Andrea is now thriving in her new home with BOTH her sons and has built a strong relationship with Corrina (pictured above) who helped advocate for Andrea to get her son Nathaniel to live with her and Reino.

**"She's my best friend. I can vent to her and she helps me find much-needed resources in Arlington. She prints paperwork for doctors appointments, helped me to get a therapist, makes phone calls for me, and applied for behavior analysis appointments for my children."**



*Andrea*