



Angel

**One dad on a mission
to keep his family
together.**

When Angel discovered he had Type I Diabetes, his eyesight quickly deteriorated. His successful career as an Italian chef was over and so was his lease - *“We got evicted. The landlord wanted me to pay the rent, but we couldn’t because I was too sick to work”.*

With no income and, as the head of his household to his family of 3 sons and wife, he was determined to keep his family together. Unfortunately his older sons were in their late teens and were too old to live at the assigned family shelter.

“My son Derrick was young enough to be able to stay in the shelter with his mum but I slept in the car with the older boys. I knew we needed to be in a family shelter though, to be able to get help with finding a house”.

In the summer of 2022, Angel and his family became clients of our Permanent Supportive Housing Program - where apartments in Somerville and surrounding areas are subleased by SHC to clients long term and assigned a case manager.

“Elijah is a good case manager because he understands the problems and the hospital paperwork I have to fill out; he's the best.” paperwork I have to fill out; he's the best.”



Emotions have been high this summer, since moving to Arlington, Derrick did not miss a single day of school and graduated high school - he is now looking to study music at college!