



Rebuilding homes,
empowering futures.

A SJCS Success Story



Before

The Turner Family

Ms. Turner is a Camden-native. She is a survivor of domestic violence and a single mother of three children. Working full-time as a phlebotomist, Ms. Turner knew that she had a good job and knew, above all else, that she wanted to buy her own house. Having lived for years on the edge of homelessness and with two sons out of the house (one in the military and one in college), she and her daughter were living with friends and family. Ms. Turner began working with SJCS in October of 2018. At that time she had credit issues that needed long-term financial counseling and she didn't have the necessary funds for her down payment. Over the course of a year, Ms. Turner worked with our financial counselor and went through our financial capability and homeownership courses. She did everything necessary to make herself creditworthy, qualify for a mortgage, and have sufficient funds for closing costs as well as the costs necessary for homeownership. Ms. Turner left such an impression on our counselor and staff that when Camden County Employee Connections approached us at the holidays looking for an opportunity to help a homeowner with a generous donation, we and they chose Ms. Turner. After over a year of hard work on her part, Ms. Turner became a proud owner of a 3-bedroom, 1 ½ bath, fully-rehabilitated house. She moved into the home at Christmas and, thanks to Employee Connections, she found a fully-furnished home with all the necessary holiday trimmings. Ms. Turner and her family are indeed one of our success stories!