

Easzira's Story of Hope

In 2018, Easzira, a mother of two young children, found herself facing many challenges. She was caring for her 2-year old daughter, Kennedy alone while her 7-year-old son, Dwayne, was living with his father in Indianapolis. Lacking a support system and unable to keep up with her finances, Easzira and Kennedy became homeless. While trying to keep her head above water and care for her daughter, Easzira received the news that she was pregnant with her third child.

In August 2019, Easzira gave birth to another son, Zion. She was able to move in with her grandmother who could help care for her two children; however, the situation quickly proved to be too stressful for her grandmother. Easzira was asked to move out and she once again found herself homeless with her toddler and newborn. She had no option other than to jump from home to home, and couch to couch, staying with whomever agreed to let them stay.

Life only continued to become more challenging for Easzira. Not only was she diagnosed with diabetes, but around the same time she received the news that she was pregnant with a fourth child. At this time, she exhausted all her housing resources, was experiencing health issues that led to several hospital visits and had no one to help care for her children. She spiraled into a depression and felt completely hopeless.

Easzira turned to Safe Families, a volunteer-driven organization that temporarily places children in crisis situations in a safe and loving home. In September 2020, Kennedy and Zion moved in with another family until Easzira was able to gain stability.

Because of The O'Connor House's partnership with Safe Families, Easzira was able to find our ministry. She moved into our home in October 2020, and in November delivered a beautiful baby girl, La'Niyah. Today, Easzira, Kennedy, Zion, and La'Naya all live at The O'Connor House. Dwayne, Easzira's oldest son, also comes for visits regularly.

Easzira shared that before coming to The O'Connor House she felt like she was failing doing the only thing that mattered to her--being a mom, but she has been given so much peace since finding us. She said she feels so blessed to wake up in her own bedroom, in a home where she is able to work on a plan for herself, and her children's future.

Easzira is truly an amazing mom! She is an incredible example to our other residents of what it means to be a patient, loving, attentive mother. We are so excited to see what is in store for this beautiful mother and all of her children!