

You never gave up on Margie

Margie was 46 years old when her 20 year marriage ended in divorce. She was left with little income and soon suffered the painful foreclosure of her Florida home. Shocked by her unexpected circumstances, Margie packed her car and headed west, hoping to stay temporarily with a friend in California. But Margie's run of misfortune continued when her car broke down on Highway 101 in Marin.

Margie walked into our office completely out of money. She was afraid, dispirited and embarrassed. We helped calm her down and invited her to meet with a volunteer



at our Housing Help Desk. After being told of Margie's Florida roots, we quickly called the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) in Florida to see if they could help. Although Margie was almost ready to give up on herself, you never gave up on Margie. That night, you paid for Margie's Greyhound bus ticket and food for her trip back home. When Margie arrived in Florida, a volunteer met her and drove her to a women's shelter where she could get the guidance she needed. But your commitment didn't end there. We continued working with SVdP in Florida for the next few weeks to ensure Margie's success. Thanks to you, Margie is now in low income housing, has begun a new job, and is starting her life over again.

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Will you help someone who, like Margie, is facing a crisis in Marin County today?