

Rebecca's Story

60+ hour work week or lights out for single mom with two little girls



securing a brighter future

As the lights gave out – because she couldn't pay the bills – so did Rebecca's hope of eventually securing work that would lead to a better life for her family. Rebecca knew she needed to upgrade her employment skills to get a job that paid the current bills and allowed her to "be there" and get the support needed for one of her two young daughters in particular who was showing signs of having the same mental illness that plagued Rebecca's own mother. She also knew that going back to working 60+ hours a week at insecure minimum wage jobs would leave her without the time or energy to go to school. But it *would* turn the lights back on. Home Suite Hope

(HSH) gave Rebecca another choice – one that, with commitment and hard work, would allow her to meet all the needs of her family, while building the foundation for a life in which she and her girls could be fully engaged and contributing members of their community.

Five months into the **Homeward Bound Halton Program**, Rebecca sums it up this way: "Without having the support of the entire community it's almost impossible for a single parent to succeed academically and at parenting. HSH gives us the tools to do both."

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