



Happy Thanksgiving

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Greetings!

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I am surrounded by wonderful memories of working in the kitchen alongside Mama and my little sister. I am from a big family with four boys and two girls, and Mama loved preparing a made from scratch southern Thanksgiving dinner with all of our favorites. Nothing made her happier than teaching her girls how to make her perfect cornbread dressing or pecan pie.

With six kids underfoot, there were many flaming marshmallow incidents over the years when the sweet potatoes were left in the oven a bit too long, and the moment of panic always turned into a house full of smoke and laughter. Although Mama has been gone for 30 Thanksgivings, she is still beside me, my little sister, and our insanely big growing clan every time we are preparing one of her special dishes. To this day, it is never really a Pulliam Thanksgiving until the marshmallows burst into flames!



My childhood wasn't perfect, and I know my parents struggled to make ends meet from time to time. However, we always had a roof over our heads, delicious food on the table, and an unbelievable amount of love. These are the same basic needs Upward Transitions has worked to provide our clients since 1925.

Today, my thoughts linger on how grateful the Upward Transitions' staff, board, and, most importantly, clients are for the generosity and passion of everyone who supports and champions our mission day in and day out. The

assistance we provide is critical to removing barriers to employment and housing stability for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Your support allows our incredible staff to focus on the needs of our clients to ensure we are addressing not only the immediate crisis but also providing valuable referrals and resources to help change the trajectory of their lives, especially the lives of their children.

The issues of homelessness and generational poverty are immense, and we thank you for joining us on our journey as Upward Transitions continues to empower families and individuals to find the path home and build a stable future of hope.

This Thanksgiving, may you have the opportunity to embrace your favorite traditions.

With gratitude and flaming marshmallows,



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