



“Look how far I’ve come!”

*Hi, my name is Dillon. In December 2019 my son Andrew was born. It should have been a happy time but my life was falling apart. His mom dropped out of the picture and I had no family or friends to help me. I didn't have childcare, I couldn't find work, we had no home. Then on top of everything, the pandemic hit. My world was one big circle of despair. At that time, Andrew was four months old and I was pretty desperate. I love my son with all my heart and soul. I didn't want him to grow up in this situation. **Thank goodness Children's Cottage Society was there to help us.***

Right from the beginning everyone at Children's Cottage was kind, welcoming and very helpful. Andrew adores the staff and he has so much fun there. My support worker helped with things like food, formula and supplies like diapers. Sometimes they still help me with childcare. This way I get enough time to clean my house and do my university work. And then I have times I just have to get a much needed breather from Andrew or I need to go to work. I also get parenting tips and the staff keep an eye on my son's development. Also they put me in contact with places for housing support, childcare subsidy and finding the community services I need. Andrew has a day home now and I can work on a regular basis.

Having Children's Cottage in my corner, I feel good about my path. Andrew gets to interact with other children his age, something that he doesn't get when he's just with me. And they always follow procedures and protocols. That's one of my favourite things about Children's Cottage. We feel safe and supported. It's the hope for our future.

*I found out **Children's Cottage relies on donations from generous people like you so they're able to help kids and families in awful situations**, like what happened to me. Sometimes things happen and people can't get ahead. Me and Andrew are grateful for all the help we've gotten. Look how far I've come. I'm able to look after my son, we have a home and I'm back in school. I'm also thinking about a future career in law. I feel like my life is back on track.*

*Please **[click here to donate to Children's Cottage Society](#)** this holiday season so they can help the families who are in trouble and don't know where to turn. Thank you everyone!*

Yours truly,

Dillon and Andrew

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