

## MAKING LIFE BETTER



WELL, SHE DIDN'T TELL US BUT WE ALREADY KNEW THAT SHE WAS DOING DRUGS. WELL, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE DRINKING PART BUT I KNEW THAT SHE WAS LIKE, NOT WELL. IT WAS NOT HIM, HE WAS A DIFFERENT PERSON. SHE'D KICK US OUT SO SHE COULD GO TO SLEEP AND IT'D ONLY BE LIKE FIVE O'CLOCK. I WISH THAT HE WOULD BE UP AND HAVING FUN WITH US AND LETTING US GO OUTSIDE. BUT INSTEAD WE HAD TO BE TRAPPED IN THE HOUSE. CAUSE I SEE ALL THE OTHER KIDS' MOM HELPING THEM WITH SCHOOLWORK, WITH THEIR HOMEWORK AND MINE WASN'T THERE. I GOT MAD AT MY DAD WHEN HE WOULD DRINK. I WAS WORRIED SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN TO HIM. SINCE HE CAME OUT FROM SALVATION ARMY, HE'S DIFFERENT. HAPPY. RELIABLE. JOYFUL. HONEST. LOVING. SHE DOES A LOT MORE THINGS. SHE PLAYS SOCCER WITH US, SHE PLAYS CATCH WITH US. NOW I CAN COUNT ON HIM TO BE THERE FOR MY BIRTHDAYS. HE HELPS WITH SCHOOL PROJECTS. I'M PROUD OF MY DAD BECAUSE HE'S THERE FOR ME NOW. ONCE YOU DO SOMETHING YOU CAN'T CHANGE. THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY WAS TELLING ME BUT SHE DID CHANGE AND SHE PROVED THEM WRONG.