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I work in transportation at Stanford and my daughter a single mother of 3 works inside the hospital...we live together, and I am a grandma to three beautiful grandchildren ages 7, 6 and 5.

This virus impacted my family beyond imagination. Brianna was infected before we knew how serious Covid-19 was...it was a big blow to our family as we all had to scramble to make arrangements for her quarantine and for her children.

The next best thing to mommy was me - Grandma. I had been just laid off from work and without hesitation I took full care of my grandkids. It was hard to leave my daughter and live temporarily at my sons' home, not just for her children but as her mother I was worried as she was very ill.

A week into having the kids, tested positive for COVID-19. I was completely devastated having to once again scramble to find someone to care for them as i had to quarantine. In the midst of this chaos I was patiently waiting for my unemployment to kick in and that help hadn't arrived (and still hasn't).

With having to place the kids a second time and with all the care my daughter needed, this was no cheap task. We were running out of money was compounded with the heartache of being separated from the babies, knowing how much they just wanted to go home. No words could convey the despair and heartache me and Brianna felt.

When my quarantine was up 2 weeks later, I was cleared by my doctor and I left to care for my daughter. It was hard watching my daughter be this ill. She is younger than me, this wasn't supposed to be happening. I didn't want to worry her so I reached out for help as our finances dwindled and we couldn't make rent.

I contacted HIF and from the beginning you could feel that they really wanted to help us.

There was paperwork to fill out to verify our situation, but they walked me through it with care. I didn't know if we qualified, I just told my daughter all we could do is pray. Well pray we did, and we were blessed to receive the maximum grant!

Through our darkest moment came a glimmer of hope a sense of relief. I couldn't be more thankful and grateful for HIF and their awesome team.

The help gave us breathing room. My daughter remained sick for 2 months. She is now better and barely back at work, I've still yet to receive any unemployment.

But if this has taught me anything, it's that there are still good people, helping good people.