

Life Is All About How You Handle Plan B

Plan A is your first choice...the one where everything works out. But often, life sends the upside-down, inside-out version where nothing goes as it should.

That is exactly what happened to Kate. Kate was a happy wife and mother who worked from home part time. Her flexible schedule allowed her to be a caregiver for her sickly brother. **Unfortunately, a shift happened, and life became riddled with disappointment and despair.** Kate's brother passed away. A year later she lost her mother to congestive heart failure. **Around that same time her husband was diagnosed with cancer. He lost his battle to the disease at age 55, leaving Kate with an 11-year-old to raise.** Adding insult to injury, Kate buried her father-in-law ten days after burying her husband. Eventually Kate lost her home, forcing her to rent an apartment.

Grief stricken; Kate forged ahead to provide for her young son. She developed a clothing line for chemo and dialysis patients. **Life was looking up until unscrupulous consultants took her money, leaving her with \$4 in her pocket. Disillusioned and scared, she applied for food stamps and was given the number to The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC).** This was a turning point for Kate. **The Center provided nutritious food for her and her growing child along with hygiene items and clothing.** The road ahead was still rocky.



She took a leap of faith and began a new career in sales at which she excelled. **Over the next several years she stabilized the household,** sent her son to private schools, and saved for a down payment on a house. **Kate recently donated to TEAC and wanted us to know how kind and supportive everyone was to her when she was at her lowest. Kate chose not to wallow in self-pity, but to ask for help, making the best of the situation. Life is all about how you handle Plan B.**

If you would like to offer resources to those struggling in life's uncertain times, please consider a donation of any amount to The Emergency Assistance Center. **Your gift can create the conduit to self-sufficiency that is often needed. Giving is easy.**

- Drop a donation off at The Emergency Assistance Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Mail your check made out to TEAC in the envelope provided.
- Make online gifts via PayPal on the "Donate Now" page of our website www.teacenter.org.

Sincerely,

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