hopewomen's center

Meet ROSA

(For confidentiality, images and names do not reflect this narrative.)

Rosa had driven past our center more times than she could count. Her fear and uncertainty of what to expect at Hope kept her from coming in. One day, she found the courage to show up and walk through our doors. After a series of challenges, she faced homelessness and struggled to find stability. Feeling overwhelmed, she told us how tired she was and how hard she had worked to stay independent her whole life.

"The last few months have been really tough. I found myself homeless after a chain of events and went from house to house sleeping on friends' couches."

Our Hope team sat with her, listened and gave her space to process. Then we invited her to join our lunch time, where she met other women who welcomed her and shared their stories. **Something shifted. She began to open up, laugh, and connect with other women who understood what she was going through.**

After lunch, we learned more of her story and connected her with resources for housing, emotional support, and stability.

"I've reached out to so many places. But this is the first one that made me feel like I belong. Like there's actually hope."