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Brenda Rosario immigrated to Boston from Puerto Rico, over 20 years ago, in search of a better life for herself and her two young sons. Initially staying with family, she found herself without stable housing. With limited resources, she turned to St. Mary's Center for Women and Children for support.

Upon arriving at St. Mary's Center's Dorchester Adult Family Shelter, Brenda and her young family immediately received the wrap-around supportive services they needed to establish themselves. Brenda benefitted from workforce development support and enrolled in English classes to further her skills. After completing an internship with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, she was offered a full-time job, and she is still working and excelling in a career there today.

She and her sons secured permanent housing in a community that they love, and her sons thrived in school and extracurricular activities. Now grown, they have fond memories of their time living at St. Mary's Center and are flourishing in careers of their own.

Today, Brenda proudly serves on St. Mary's Center's Board of Trustees, using her experience as a former resident to help guide the Agency toward the future.