A true story

A father of three young children is on his way to work. He is broadsided by an 18-wheeler semi-truck. He is pulled out of the car with the jaws-of-life and airlifted to a hospital where he is put on life support. He is the only wage earner in the family as the wife is permanently disabled and unable to work. He does recover; however, he too, is permanently disabled.

Thus begins the tragic series of events. His health worsens as time goes by. The family is unable to meet all their living expenses and therefore is required to foreclose on their home. Before the foreclosure process is completed, Hurricane Katrina hits and wipes out not only their home, but also their vehicles and everything they own. They are jobless, homeless, penniless, and of poor health.

They have no other relatives other than those in California. They arrive in Salinas on a weekend and show up unannounced at the homeless liaison's door early on a Monday morning with their heart in their hands. Their faces said it all. They desperately needed our help.

And so began the relationship between the family, the school, and the community.

