



JEANNE GEIGER
CRISIS CENTER

Allison met her partner years ago and fell in love with him very quickly. Early on in their relationship, she noticed that he was always concerned about where she was and who she was with, but she took it to mean that he was infatuated with her, and she felt flattered. Soon Allison realized it was his way of controlling her.

Allison's partner began to question her work hours and whether she was lying to him about where she went. He even texted her sister several times to try to catch Allison in a lie. Allison had become pregnant and really wanted to make it work with her partner so they could be a loving family.

By the time they had two children, the controlling behavior got worse, and he started physically abusing her. After a particularly bad assault with their children in the room, Allison decided to leave. She and the children spent time at a shelter, and she tried to work enough overtime to afford an apartment.

Allison was referred to the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and now has a restraining order on her partner. She was able to work with an advocate to navigate financial and rental assistance and could finally cut back on her hours to spend more time with her children. She also receives therapy to help from the trauma she endured from her partner and has learned mindfulness techniques to work through her fear.

This year, Allison is hoping to provide her two young children with new positive memories for the holiday season and establish normalcy into their lives after several traumatic years. A donation would help her to make it special for both children.