



Children In Poverty

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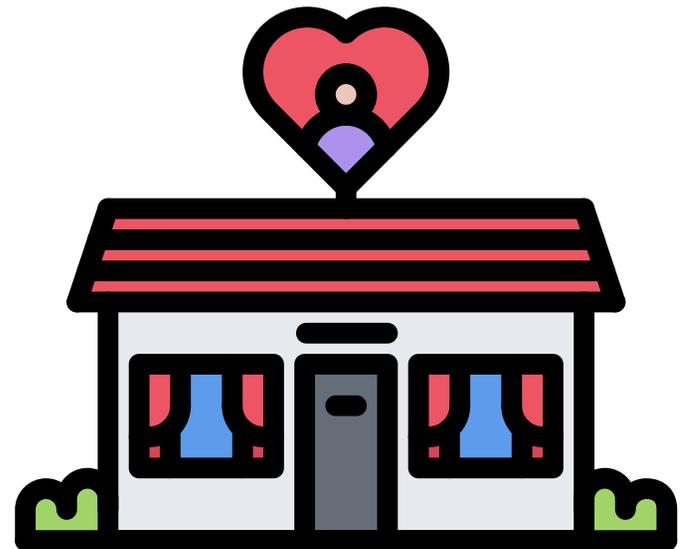
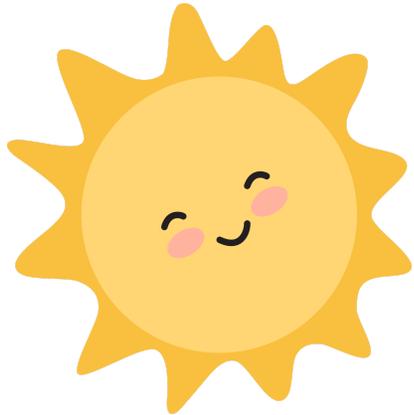
Darla

Grandma

Mabel



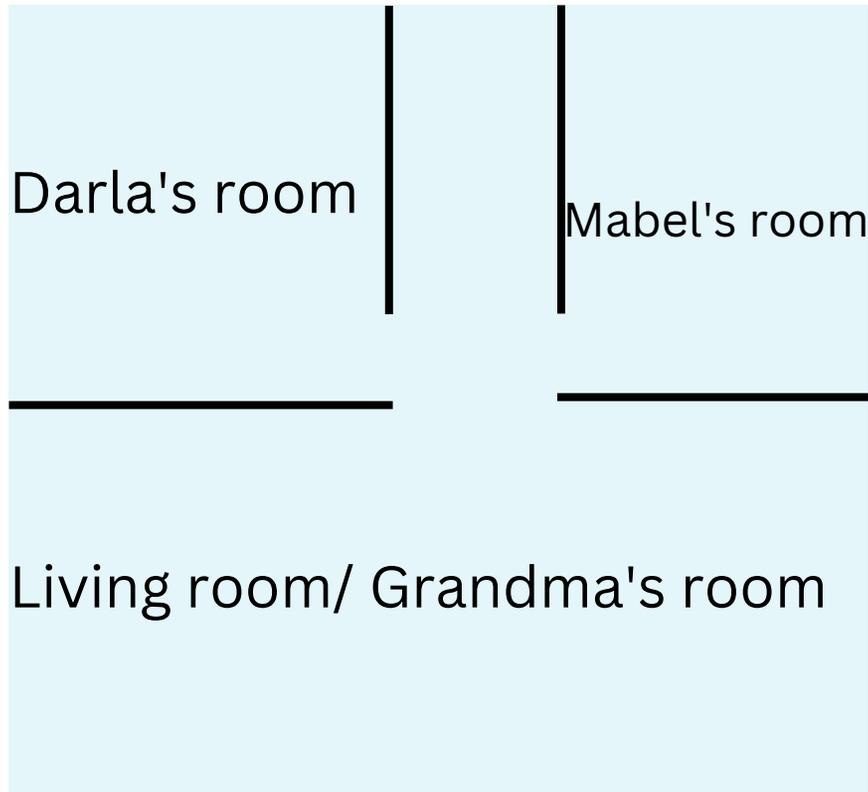
This is Darla's story. Darla is a Russian girl who lives with her sister and her grandmother in California.



Darla and her sister, Mabel, spent most of their early life in an orphanage. Their father had died and their mother had problems with addiction.



Darla's grandmother had rescued the girls when they were nine. She didn't want them living so far away from family, in the harsh climates of poor housing.



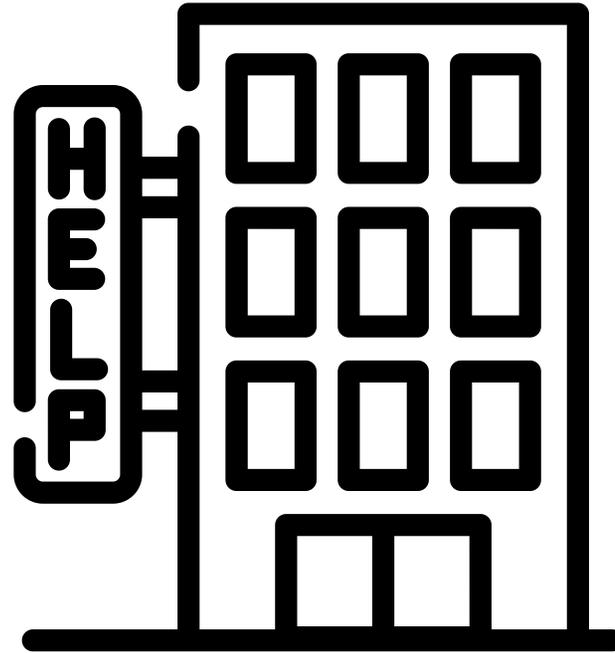
Grandma moved them into a small apartment in California. The apartment had 2 bedrooms. Grandma slept in the living room so both girls could have their own room.



Even though Grandma is 85, she goes to college so they could get grant money so they could survive. Darla's story is a special one. But it isn't at all rare.



Darla and her family are experiencing something called 'poverty.' Poverty means you don't have enough money to afford things like food and a house.



Many people go through poverty every day. When walking down the street you might see someone without a home.



They are not bad people. They are just going through a lot in their lives. Whether they are suffering from addiction, divorce, or losing their job, they should never be treated poorly.



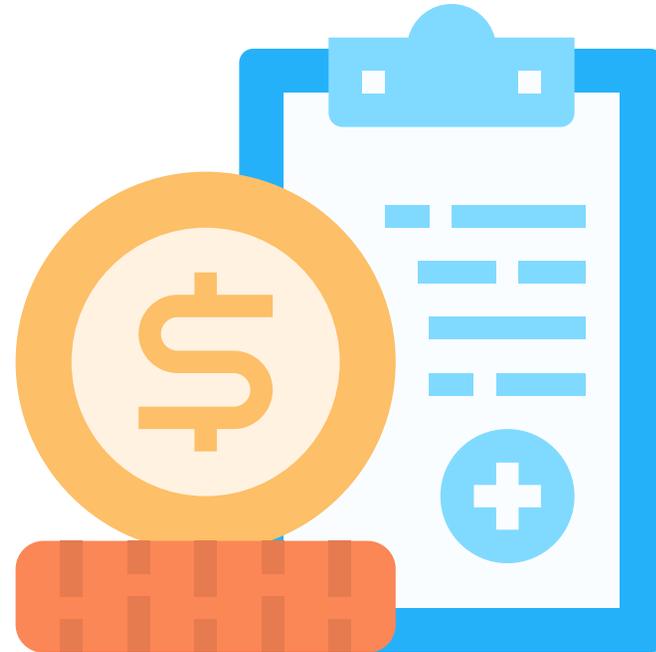
You don't have to be homeless to be in poverty. You could still have a house but you won't be able to afford extra things like electricity, wifi, nice clothes, and entertainment.



Children suffer the most. They are just supposed to scrape by while their guardians try and figure out how they are gonna survive the rest of the month. The poverty that affects children is at an all-time high.



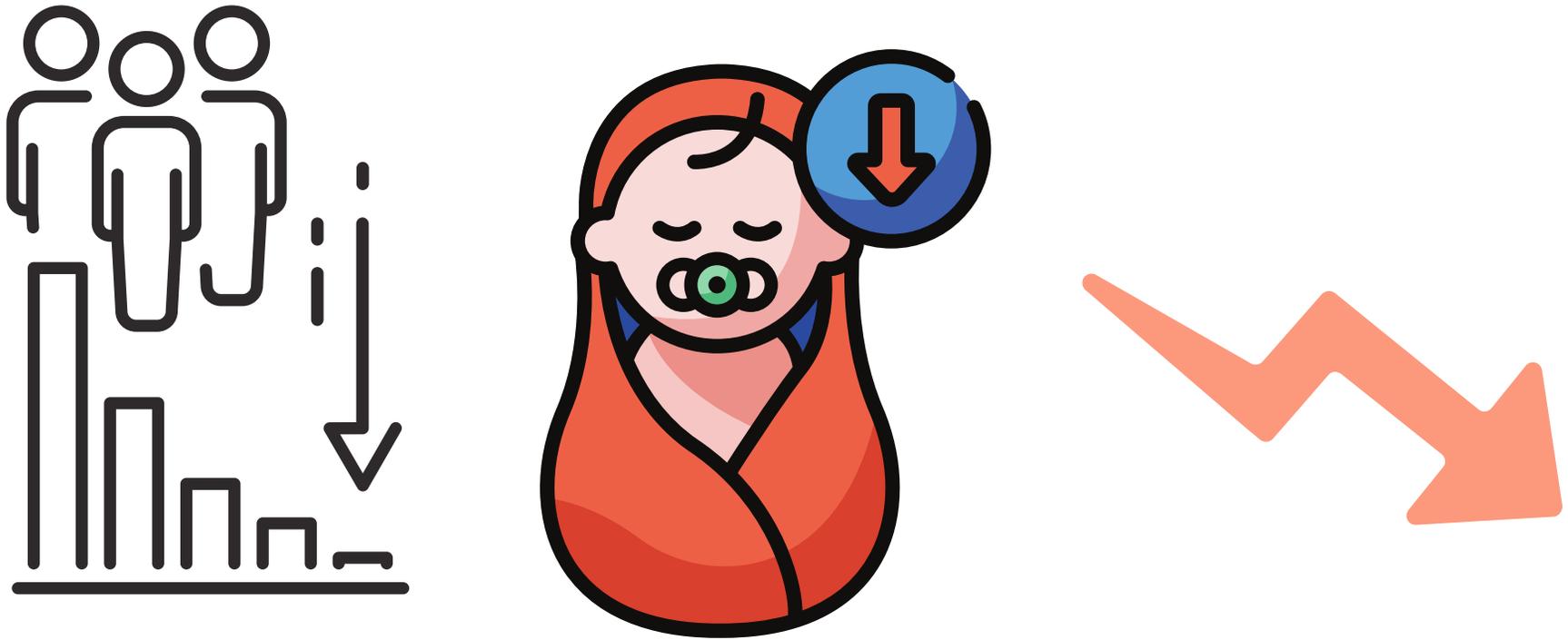
Darla's grandmother doesn't have a car so Darla and her sister have to take the bus to school.



Darla has behavioral problems. She has a hard time focusing in class. She also has a number of health problems that require special attention



Unfortunately, Grandma does not have enough money to afford it.



Children all over California and all over the world have to go through this. Not being able to afford healthcare that you need is affecting the population drastically.



This is why you should help when you can. People all over the world require assistance and have no way to get it.



Darla's story isn't the first. But it isn't the last either. We may not be able to change the past but our actions can affect the future.

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