

Meet Jamie.

Jamie is a child who wants to succeed.

All he needs is an opportunity. Your gift provides that opportunity. Heres how:





































United Way brings communities together to lift up thousands of "Jamie's". Together, we fight for the HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY of everyone in our community.

HELP US GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER

(Return the completed form to your Human Resources Department)

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United Way, along with our funded partners, local government, schools, faith based organizations and others, work collaboratively to find solutions and change lives every day.

Jane (her name changed to protect confidentiality) lived on the streets but has now found a home. Read her story.

Jane left her abusive husband, but couldn't find an apartment that she could afford. At times she and the children were "couch surfing" or living with various friends for a week or two at a time. The kids were **sleeping on the floor** and didn't have the stability and security that comes with having a place of their own. The insecurity was starting to show in their school work and in their behavior.

Jane knew that she needed to make some decisions for her children. Jane connected with a United Way funded budgeting/financial program at Catholic Charities. They helped her straighten out her finances and develop a budget. Eventually she was able to find a low rent apartment and moved in with her children. Next she looked at picking up some extra hours at work so that she could start to save a few dollars from each paycheck for emergencies. She is now current on all of her bills and has a small nest egg.

TOP 10 REASONS YOU **SHOULD CONTACT 2-1-1**

- 10. Your daughter needs counseling that you can't afford.
- 9. You're afraid your utilities will be disconnected soon.
- 8. Your aging parents want to live independently but need some help.
- 7. Your landlord isn't making repairs and you want to know what your options are.
- 6. You struggle to pay child care every month.
- 5. You want to volunteer, but aren't sure how to get started.
- 4. You need to find a food pantry that's on a bus line.
- 3. Your child needs peer support and a positive environment.
- 2. You aren't sure how you're going to pay the rent this month.
- 1. Because United Way's 2-1-1 is here for you, 24/7 connecting you to programs and services that help.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW JOB!











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