



United Way of Douglas County

Community Partner Success Story:

Ballard Community Services delivers high quality early education program and basic essential life assistance to families and individuals in need. These programs target the Education and Self-Sufficiency goals of our community.

Single mother, Lori Connor, had a good job as a Certified Nurse's Aide. She was pushed to the brink of homelessness when she unexpectedly needed an expensive surgery. The surgical procedure took her out of the workforce and Lori quickly fell behind in her bills, Lori faced the difficult decision to seek help.

It was a struggle for Lori to ask Ballard for help. When she did, she was given groceries and the cost of her gas bill was covered. Following her visit, Lori emailed Ballard expressing her gratitude "not just because you helped, but for the way you helped— in meekness, without interrogations, or making me feel unworthy."

Lori has returned to her position as a CNA and has been able to keep her home. She has maintained her utilities and services without falling behind again. She now donates extra groceries to Ballard's food pantries to ensure others will be helped through tough times like she was.

A donation of \$1 per week will help one working family like Lori's avoid homelessness by keeping utilities on, preventing breaks in services, keeping their children in daycare, and allowing them to keep working.

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