

REAL STORIES REAL IMPACT

Helping Families Succeed



What does LIVE UNITED mean to Victor?

“That you are not alone when you are in crisis. That you come out of it, but keep getting stronger. And then, you are able to help others.”

“I am a living example of how the Financial Stability Center gets people back on their feet and teaches to them stay there.”

Hard times and series of misfortunes once led single father Victor and his children to a family homeless shelter. Fortunately, he connected with SPIN (Serving People In Need), a United Way agency that practices United Way’s *Housing First* approach. Because *Housing First* moves people out of shelters and into permanent homes as quickly as possible, the family soon moved into Section 8 housing as a first step to receiving the support services needed to build a better life.

Victor continued to receive help at United Way’s Financial Stability Center, powered by SPIN. Located in Lynn, the Center aims to help individuals and families break out of intergenerational poverty by providing a continuum of support and education services. “They helped me to register my children in school and found after school programs,” says Victor. “They also sent me to the career center where I have been working to learn how to start a business.”

The Financial Stability Center’s financial education program also helped Victor to repair his credit history and learn how to manage his family’s finances. “With their help, I put things in order for my children,” he says. Today, Victor is on the path to owning his own business and saving money for the future. “I want to send my children to college.”

Victor is just one success story among many. Every day, the Financial Stability Center works to help families receive the help the services they need to break the cycle of poverty and hopelessness. United Way has committed \$1 million over five years to launch and sustain this valuable work and is actively recruiting volunteers to expand the reach and depth of programs offered.

“The Financial Stability Center gives opportunities to all of those who are looking to change their life and make it the best for their family.”

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