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your gifts change lives

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A BRAND *new* START

Because of you, this
mom has hope



Inside: See how YOUR gift helped a mom support her family and a student gain confidence for school



As a mother of five, Victoria has worked for Goodwill for over seven years. After turning down a promotion five times, your gift gave her the opportunity to succeed.

For years, Victoria had been a good employee at Goodwill and her supervisor wanted to offer her a promotion to sales manager for increased wages, more responsibility and recognition for a job well done. Unfortunately, reliable transportation was a critical piece to this higher position. To meet the required schedule, she would not be able to rely on public transportation or friends to get her to and from work.

Because of you and your support, the doors at Ways to Work were open to Victoria when she had

“With Ways to Work I have been able to move up in my job. I am now a sales manager. The best part is now my daughter was also able to participate in Girls on the Run.”

nowhere else to turn and wanted to make changes to better support her family.

By coming to Ways to Work, Victoria had a program specialist to walk alongside her in this journey and work with her one-on-one preparing her to be qualified to receive a car loan. After months of preparation and hard work, Victoria’s loan was approved.

For the first time, Victoria had reliable transportation. She could make sure her children got to school on time, get them to and from the doctor, and support other members of her family. Now that

“I wouldn’t have been able to change my life without the car.”

she has a car of her own, Victoria’s daughter was also able to participate in Girls on the Run after school.

This car has completely changed Victoria’s life. Now, this mother of 5 has so much self-confidence and joy. Her family has hope for the future. Together they are thriving.

This transformation is only possible because of YOU! Thank you for your love of people like Victoria – needing a community to walk alongside her. Just weeks after getting reliable transportation, her supervisor revisited the opportunity for a promotion to sales manager. And this time, she confidently accepted.



Victoria's daughter ready to participate in the annual Girls on the Run 5K earlier this year. Gaining reliable transportation through Ways to Work allows parents to provide more opportunities for their children.

You have the **POWER** to change lives

You Got Shekia Back to Work

Ways to Work Brings Hope to Families

Shekia's vehicle left her stranded in more ways than one. The breakdown of her car had not only left her on the side of the road, but also caused issues with



Shekia signed the final documents on her own car loan and proudly receiving the keys! Because of you, she got the help she needed and is now able to thrive in life.

Chloe Smiles Because of You

Little Wings nurturing environment gives a powerful start to school

When Tammy Perdue looked for child care for her daughter Chloe, she searched for a place that would make learning fun and help her grow socially and emotionally. Chloe was shy and reserved, but when she visited Little Wings she walked into a classroom with a teacher she didn't know and was quickly engaged in play with other children. Tammy knew she was in the right place.

Your generous support provided countless mornings of celebration when Chloe needed a cheerleader, patience when a day started hard, and offered lots of hugs when she was sad. "It was such a nurturing environment that it made me feel good," said Tammy, "knowing that if I had to leave Chloe somewhere while I was working, that I was leaving her with good people."

her employment. At work, her manager recognized her value as an employee and was doing everything possible to keep her on board. However, her job required her to have a reliable vehicle in order to consult with clients at locations throughout the area. Without her own transportation, she would lose her job.

**Just when all hope seemed lost,
your gift provided her hope.**

Through the Ways to Work program, Shekia was able to purchase her own reliable vehicle while improving her credit. Your generosity provided the support she needed to become the top sales person in the area and even earn two sales leader awards. Because of you, Shekia has stabilized her finances and increased her income by more than 50%. You kept hope alive!



Chloe (far right) spread joy to her Yellow Room friends everyday. Your gift gave students the skills to be independent, responsible, and confident problem solvers - ready for school and ready for life.

Chloe just finished Kindergarten at Bedford Hills Elementary in May. With the nurturing start you gave her at Little Wings she was able to transition confidently and even finished the year receiving the History Bee Champion Award. Because of you, her smile carries her forward into every new year.

You can be the reason a child stays in school

Be a hero for a child at Little Wings Early Learning Center

Megan has spent the last two years at Little Wings ELC. She is curious and excited about learning and loves coming to school. But going into the fall Megan's family doesn't have enough money to keep her here for this school year. Every year she has counted on generous donors like you to help.

And it's not just Megan. There are other children waiting to hear if funds will be available to enroll this school year. Their parents are working jobs that don't pay much, just minimum wage. But without a place for their child to learn, they can't work at all.

You can be the reason a child starts life with a good education. You can be the reason she doesn't fall behind in elementary school. What a loss it would be if Megan cannot continue getting a good foundation for learning.



Little Wings Early Learning Center teacher Stephanie Lantz, helps students start their day in small group time in the Green Room. Routine and hands on interaction is at the core of our award-winning HighScope curriculum.

It doesn't cost a lot to make a meaningful difference for one child. It's an average of \$29 per day. Each day provides a child with active learning, a meal, and a better future.

There is still time to make a difference for this school year!

You can be a hero. For just \$29 you can give her a day of school plus breakfast and snacks for her day.

Please give now!

Yes, I'll be the reason! I want to help a child stay in school!

Enclosed is my gift:

☐ \$_____ to help as many children as possible

Give online today: humankind.org/helpplittlewings

**School
starts in
August!**

Letter from the President



I am overcome with gratitude for you.

Your willingness to help people facing some of life's toughest situations shows me how much you value giving everyone a chance – not only to survive, but to live a healthy and happy life. And I'm very grateful for your support.

The care and compassion you've shown is priceless!

When you think about it, you've had a transforming effect on people's lives that goes beyond what money can buy. Considering that one counseling session or a single act of encouragement can mean the difference between hope and hopelessness, the help you offer when providing strength to a child or a family is truly priceless. So thank you again for your very valuable support.

Robert S. Dendy Jr.
President and CEO

Help with School Supply NEEDS



With your donation of any of these items, YOU will help a child start the school year with all the tools and confidence to learn.

Items most needed:

Paper towels (select-a-size)
5 oz. Dixie paper cups
Unscented baby wipes
10 oz. paper bowls
6" paper plates
Plastic spoons
Plastic forks
Scotch tape refills
Masking tape refills
Construction paper
Broad-line Washable Markers
Jumbo/Large Crayons
Printer paper
Cardstock
Bleach
Lysol spray
Unscented laundry detergent
Dish soap
Hand soap
Gallon ziploc bags
Tissues
Post-it Notes (3" x 3")

All donations must be new

Donation Drop-Offs

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