

Because of **YOUR** gift you can see Impact in Action

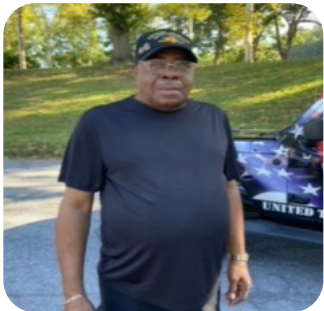


Meet Some of the People You've Helped



Harrison, a second grade student, is thriving with the help of **Easterseals** programs. The United Way Agency Partner provides support and therapies designed for the needs of children with autism. Harrison's parents enrolled him in the agency's Early Intervention program, and he began outpatient therapy just before starting kindergarten. He has made significant progress in both therapy sessions and social skills group, and his family receives comprehensive support through Intensive Behavioral Health Services. Harrison is eager to attend therapy each week, and his mother is delighted with his progress and the compassionate care provided by Easterseals.

Jose DeLa Cruz wanted a better life and a better home for his family. The DeLa Cruz family worked with **Habitat for Humanity of Berks County**, a United Way Agency Partner, and applied to participate in the agency's First Time Homeowner program. They worked tirelessly to improve their credit scores and attended financial education classes, as well as dedicated 200 hours of "sweat equity" throughout the process. They proudly earned the opportunity to move into their new home late last year, where Jose and his wife and daughter celebrated a special Christmas.



Rufus, a 76-year-old Vietnam veteran, was facing homelessness after his apartment complex was sold. **Catholic Charities**, a United Way Agency Partner, was able to assist him by connecting him with a local property manager who provided him with a new apartment. With the help of a case manager and veteran volunteers, Rufus was able to successfully move into his new home. Catholic Charities provided support with initial apartment costs, allowing Rufus to transition into his new home without financial burden.

Sahab, a 6th grader, believes **Olivet Boys and Girls Club**, a United Way Agency Partner, has made a significant difference in her life by attending the agency's West Reading Elementary Center afterschool program. She has found encouragement from the staff and shares "Olivets helped me change my behavior, because Olivets has made me a better person by teaching me how to make better choices. Olivets keep us safe, and I know they (the staff) will do anything for us."



Jeanie, a 52-year-old woman who has battled MS for over half her life, was bedridden with a significant wound when nurses from **Tower Health at Home**, a United Way Agency Partner, first met her. Thanks to the skilled care, Jeanie's wound is now nearly healed. The nurses recognized that Jeanie would benefit physically, mentally, and emotionally from getting out of bed and found an organization that donated a Hoyer lift device to help increase her mobility. Jeanie is grateful for the help she received and values the care and provided by the agency's nurses.