



Heart of Florida United Way and Edgewood Children's Ranch - Teaching ABCs of Success



Bobby* was eight years old when he came to live at Edgewood Children's Ranch, a United Way supported agency that shelters, educates and cares for at-risk children who are unable to live with their families.

The sixth of seven children, he had been raised by a single mother with few resources or places to turn for help. Unable to read or do class work independently, he disliked school and was repeating first grade when he arrived at the ranch.



Following several months of help from teachers and staff, Bobby's school skills, along with his self-esteem, greatly improved. Though still dealing with learning challenges, he reads at grade level, enjoys visiting the library and loves to talk about what he's learning.

In keeping with the ranch's mission to strengthen and reunite families, Bobby's mother is also involved in counseling and programs that are helping her become a better parent.



Thanks, in part, to funding from Heart of Florida United Way, this family and dozens of others are growing stronger with care, support and assistance provided by Edgewood Children's Ranch.

* To protect the client's identity, a different name has been used.

By supporting Heart of Florida United Way, you help fund nearly 100 local agencies such as Edgewood Children's Ranch, whose programs are making a critical difference in people's lives. You also become part of United Way's work to prevent critical problems by focusing on four key areas: Building Safe Communities; Improving Financial Stability; Developing Healthy Children and Families; and Alleviating Hunger and Homelessness.

