



United Way Offers Lifeline to Family in Crisis

In 2012, Alvin Joyner, a single parent with two young sons, was faced with a financial crisis. Joyner's employer cut his hours at the sandwich shop where he worked and his ex-wife stopped paying for child support.



The sudden loss of income had caused him to bounce some checks and his apartment landlord served Alvin with an eviction notice. Fortunately, a friend told Alvin about United Way 2-1-1 so he called them for help. United Way paid for his rent temporarily and referred him to some local food pantries.



"When you're going through a situation like this, you can't rest, you can't relax," said Alvin. "When I heard that the United Way was going to help me is when I saw my first glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel."

A United Way counselor provided Alvin with some budgeting advice. He stopped using his credit cards for expenses other than emergencies and he has not bounced another check since.



Alvin was eventually able to regain his previous work salary and the family continues to live at the same residence. He is grateful to United Way for supporting him through his financial struggles.



"Thank God for United Way because now I'm back on track," said Alvin.

When you support United Way, you support our work to help thousands of people like Alvin and his family who are struggling to pay for housing, utilities, food and other basic needs.