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“Kindness in giving
creates love.”

-Lao Tzu

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UYSS, Community Aids Family Devastated by Fire

It is in times of greatest darkness that the beautiful compassion of a city and its citizens shine the brightest. This has been the case since June, when the Buskirk family lost their home to fire. The letter below, written in gratitude by Harold Buskirk, tells a story of loss and redemption, made possible by the caring support of a compassionate community:

“I am a family man that works hard to make a living and support my three children. We try hard to be a one income family so my wife can stay home and take care of the kids.



In June of 2015 we owned our own trailer and were only responsible for paying lot rent. We were doing some repairs on the trailer, as it was kind of a fixer upper.

We had a really bad month in June. First my pickup broke down on me. Which wasn't that huge of a deal. We have pretty bad credit, so we got a car loan to help build our credit back up. Then a week later our

trailer caught fire. We lost almost everything we owned, including our family dog.

We were connected with UYSS and Robin Ritter. They helped us out tremendously. They got us connected with United Way who put us up in a hotel for two weeks. Robin Ritter and UYSS also helped us as we looked for a new place to live. They worked hard to get us in touch with the right people to help us out. They helped us with groceries, and got us connections to help us with clothing and furniture when we moved into our home.

Our family still have some things we need, but thanks to the help from UYSS, and the Fremont community we are well on our way to being back where we need to be. We are no longer going to be a one income family. And after we build our credit up in the next year or two, we plan on buying our own home.

UYSS is continuing to work with our family, as we move onto the next chapter in our lives.

These are some of the people who helped us in our time of need.

Our Community Cares

- *NENCAP Pender office
- *Heartland Family Services
- *Katie the Comfort Dog, and handlers
- *UYSS Service Link Partners
- *All of the agencies listed below

Thank you all for coming together to help a family in need!

- UYSS
- Red Cross
- United Way
- Care Corps
- Pathfinders
- Low Income Ministries

We also had help from friends and family, and even strangers from inside and outside of the Fremont Area.

I feel so Blessed to be part of the Fremont community and couldn't think of a better place to raise my family."

Spotlight: CEO What a journey it has been to see Uniquely Yours Stability Support unfold, learn, emerge, and grow! The journey has been filled with many, many blessings! I recall when I found myself as a single mom, needing to ask for help, experiencing personally what gaps in services are like. I could not stop thinking about how there must be a solution, and how alone I felt, and still needing to care for my family. UYSS's program design was a gift from God. But now what?! Where to begin?! Life was always in the way.... or was it? The argument of divine intervention and timing is believed to be the reason for the delay.

In the beginning, in 2007, I would meet referrals at the library and at area agencies. Often, I transported car tires and other items in my car in my attempt to meet the needs of those referred. Due to the generosity of Care Corps Homeless Services, an outstanding agency, UYSS was able to operate out of their location for

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several years. This strong partnership enabled many families in our community to be served. Care Corps was instrumental in the direction and growth of UYSS, for which we shall forever be thankful and value our long-standing relationship.

When I first pitched the concept of UYSS, the idea that agencies could work together to accomplish good works, and that there needed to be an agency to address



their gaps in services, was a new concept. Back in 2007, only a handful of agencies were willing to truly work together. Our entire community is making this shift now because of the dedicated work of U.W. and the community partners. This is the perfect time for UYSS to emerge and grow.

I could not begin to describe what it was like to attend our first team meeting here at our new downtown location. Not a board or committee meeting, but our first actual meeting of those working on the agency team on a daily basis. It went from just me, one person, to a TEAM! It fills my heart just thinking about how far this dream has come. A dream born and raised right here in Fremont.

We at UYSS have helped many families and individuals, have made mistakes and learned, and we continue to grow and learn, which is why we still consider ourselves an emerging nonprofit. As we continue to grow, we are determined to remain true to our original mission, to address gaps in services and provide education and services through community collaboration. Please except my sincerest gratitude to all of you that have been and continue to be a part of this blessed journey!