



“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”

-Nelson Mandela

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Uniquely Yours, Unique Support As a single, disabled male, Randy Flagle (pictured at right) struggles to support himself on the \$870 disability payment he receives each month. Unable to work, Randy is forced, like many Americans, to try to survive on an income that is well below the federal poverty line, not to mention the somewhat higher actual cost of living. Although he is fortunate to be living in Permanent Supportive Housing, Flagle’s limited income still poses a threat to his housing stability.

Chelsey Mackey, a single female, was ineligible for most state assistance when she found herself stranded, unemployed, and on the verge of becoming homeless. The assistance Mackey did qualify for was delayed, resulting in weeks with no income, and no food. Now working, Mackey is able to support herself, but during her brief transition period, Mackey was, like many in our community, struggling to find help.

High housing costs, high medical costs, low wages, and low social security benefits are just some of the obstacles facing individuals and families in our community. Limited resources for singles, prohibitively low income guidelines for many programs, and restrictions on types of assistance available, further exacerbate the problem.

At UYSS, there are no income guidelines, no restrictions



based on age or family composition, and no limits (other than legalities) to the obstacles we are willing to address in order to ensure

clients’ housing stability.

UYSS’ ability to serve homeless and near-homeless individuals and families is also strengthened by the invaluable support of our Service Link and Agency Link Partners, who collaborate with us to help us meet client needs in the most efficient, effective way possible.

Service Link Partner House of Mufflers and Brakes and Agency Link Partner Dodge County General Assistance partnered with UYSS to address Flagle and Mackey’s unmet needs. Due to these collaborations, and the development of long-term sustainable plans, both Flagle and Mackey were able to get the help they needed to maintain their housing stability.

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Unique programs, unique guidelines, and unique partnerships enable Uniquely Yours Stability Support to provide unique assistance, assistance that is sorely needed, and sometimes, difficult to find.

Spotlight: Prevention Increased economic security is commonly viewed as a key to homeless prevention—if individuals and families are financially secure, they won't become homeless. But what does it mean to be financially secure?

At Uniquely Yours Stability Support (UYSS), we view financial security as having sufficient funds available to meet monthly expenses, as well as cover an unexpected hardship, or emergency. This ideal is one that many individuals and families in the community are often unable to meet. Much of society is barely getting by.

In 2013, the Federal Reserve Board began conducting a survey on the economic and financial status of American Consumers. The results of the survey, as documented in the Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2014, weren't surprising. Most of us are aware that post-recession, Americans are still struggling. What is surprising is the scope of the problem:

“Forty-seven percent of respondents say they either could

not cover an emergency expense costing \$400, or would cover it by selling something or borrowing money.”

47% of American consumers! That's 47% of you and me. Nearly half of us would be financially unprepared to deal with a crisis. People are not unprepared, though, because of lack of understanding—we all know hard times happen. People are unprepared due to lack of resources—you can't save what you just don't have.

At UYSS, we understand that living paycheck-to-paycheck is reality for many members of our community. A single hardship can derail a family, sending them into the lengthy, costly, socially and psychologically damaging descent into homelessness.

Preventing homelessness is a far more cost-efficient, and far more compassionate, choice to address the unexpected emergencies that inevitably befall every family. We at UYSS are here to help clients overcome the unique obstacles to their housing stability. Thanks to our Service Link partners, grant funders, and private donors, UYSS can do just that.

YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your gifts provide vitally-needed financial support and case management to struggling individuals and families. To help us achieve our mission of eliminating homelessness, donate today! Contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to:

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