



## UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2024

# QUOTES AND TESTIMONIALS

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**“These programs are very important for people like me, and not only for people like me, but also for the community as a whole. It is so hard to support a household financially because minimum wage is so low. These programs are a second chance for us to have help and to know that we're not alone.”**

- Samantha Murray, United Way child care and housing client

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**“I just want to see my kids every day happy. Now that we have the new apartment, we come home and they are so happy. I feel real good. I feel like okay, I did something, I did this.”**

-Shontaya Nelson, United Way housing client

About Shontaya: When New Haven resident Shontaya and her children found themselves with nowhere to stay after their apartment was condemned due to a landlord that didn't keep up with maintenance, she called 2-1-1 and United Way helped connect her to a shelter, and eventually an affordable apartment that was a good fit for her and her kids.

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**"The affordable places were either too small or in unsafe neighborhoods. It felt like I'd never find the right place. When we finally moved in, it was a huge relief. My kids had their own rooms for the first time in months, their grades started to improve, they didn't feel cramped or stressed anymore. Having a place of our own made all the difference."**

- Kira, United Way housing and child care client

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The students in this photo were able to get free math tutoring through a program led by United Way.

**“My tutor is funny, and not too strict. He helps me and I really catch on faster.” -Justice, age 10**

**“If I don’t understand, my tutor helps me. Then when I get the answer right, we practice so I can get to know it and do it better. Now when I go to math class, it’s getting kinda easy.” -Victoria, age 9**

**“If I don’t know the answer, I usually ask my tutor for help and she gives me a hint or a way to help me do it.” -Jayvian, age 9**

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