

*“I didn’t know how  
to be on my own.  
I was afraid.”*



Dear Caring Community Member,

Ashley needs your help. If you passed her along the street, you’d never know what she’s been through. You’d never suspect the loss and family instability that she experienced throughout her childhood. And you wouldn’t know the challenges ahead of her.

But if you got to know Ashley even a bit, you’d quickly learn how determined she is to move forward in her life. And you’d realize how urgently **she needs your support to help her on that new path.**

Things got really hard at home when Ashley’s dad died. And they got even harder when she became pregnant last year at age 17.

“When I first found out I was pregnant I had no stable place to live, no job, no school. I felt scared and stuck, and didn’t know how to move forward.”

**Ashley wants more for her life. And she wants more for her baby. You can make the difference.**

**Will you please make a gift today to ensure a better future for Ashley and her baby and other Vermont youth?**

Your generous support means that we can be here for Ashley and so many other vulnerable youth when they need us most.

“With the Youth Service Bureau **I don’t feel so alone.** A lot of things are moving forward for me instead of going backward. **Things feel possible** and I’m going to keep reaching for my goals – goals that I felt like I couldn’t achieve before because I felt like I was stuck.”

**There’s a lot at stake here.** Ashley’s future. Her baby’s future. Our community’s future.

**For communities to thrive, youth must thrive.** That’s why your gift matters!

Today, Ashley and her boyfriend and their infant daughter have temporary housing in one of our transitional living apartments. They meet regularly with our staff member, Hannah, who provides

*Name and image in this story were changed to protect confidentiality.*

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guidance and direction, teaches them independent living skills, and connects them with other community resources.

Ashley is working hard to get her life in order. But she has a long road ahead. **She still needs you and the Youth Service Bureau** on her path to safety, stability, and independence.

Your gift today will help her find stable housing, continue her education, and build the confidence and skills she needs to live on her own and be a nurturing parent.

**Together – let’s keep Ashley moving forward. Let’s help her build a promising future for herself and her baby.**

With much gratitude,



Kreig Pinkham  
Executive Director

P.S. Please give as generously as you can today. So many youth, right here in our own communities, urgently need your help right now. Your one-time or monthly gift will truly change lives.

**Last Year in  
Washington County:**

**With your support,  
we will be here for  
every youth who  
needs us -**

helping them navigate the  
challenges of adolescence  
and the path to adulthood.

282 youth served

3,145 nights of  
housing provided

2,543 hours of  
counseling and  
case management