

"I just wanted to finish high school so I could create a life for myself."

It's March 2022 in Vermont, and Peter had been cycling between occasional housing, and a tent and sleeping bag in the woods. He was 18 years old and on his own.

He had no one else.

**Orphaned** at birth

**Adopted** at five

**Abandoned** at twelve

**Fostered** through his teens



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

Dear >>>XXX,<<<

Life has often been grim for Peter, and yet **his outlook for the future is incredibly positive**. With the help of our Youth Development Program (YDP), Peter has found a path forward to pursue the future **he** envisions for his life.

**THIS is why our work – and your support – is so very important.** Your support enables us to be here for Peter, and so many young people like him, to be by his side as he navigates his life. Peter says that the one constant in his life has been the people at Washington County Youth Service Bureau.

**"Having someone there for me, someone to call at almost any time is a life saver for me."**

We've helped Peter with the most basic of human needs, such as housing support and food while also providing the emotional support, life skills training, and advocacy needed to achieve their goals. Our case managers have been a constant, unwavering support as he encounters bumps in the road or difficulties far too large for any young person to manage alone.

**Will you please consider your most generous gift today? Its caring people like you and your continued support that help us to give youth like Peter a chance at a decent life.**

Today, Peter is enrolled in college and thriving! He has goals for his future and plans to join the military so he can protect and serve the country. He is incredibly thankful for the caring support available through the Washington County Youth Service Bureau.

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**“Even when you don’t need them, it’s nice to know that they’re there for you.”**

You can be there for Peter too! As Peter continues his path forward, the Youth Service Bureau will continue to be there to answer his calls **and the calls of so many youth just like him** – to provide the encouragement and essential life support needed to navigate the challenges of adolescence and build a brighter future.

**Every gift matters.** Youth who are facing challenges need our help today! The need is urgent and immediate. And we can’t do it without you.

With much gratitude,



Kreig Pinkham  
Executive Director

P.S. Giving as generously as you can today enables us to help so many young people right here in our own communities. We urgently need your help right now. Every donation, no matter the amount, will truly change lives.

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

