

TRANSFORMING LIVES

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YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Each month, your gift of \$25 can provide essential services during the survivor's stay at StepStone.

After returning to her apartment upon checking her mailbox, Courtney senses a stiffness to the apartment that gives her the impression that someone else is there - it turns out to be nothing. This feeling comes and goes even though Courtney has left her abuser. She is thankful that she is in a safe place now.

Courtney's apartment is at StepStone. Courtney has a one-year-old son and just got a new job. One day, Courtney hopes to buy a car; however, Courtney needs transportation now to get to her new job. You can help. Your gift can help Courtney get to and from her job until she gets a car.

\$25 will purchase a bus pass for a week

Courtney and other survivors at StepStone rely on transportation to get to work, the grocery store, doctor's appointments, and to take their children to daycare.

Without your support, Courtney could lose her job. Without a job, Courtney will not be able to save money to buy a car.

Every survivor needs an anchor. Your monthly gift can be a lifeline for a domestic violence survivor, so they know they don't have to navigate this path alone.



Anchor of Hope

Make a Big Impact with a Monthly Gift Today! Visit www.stepstoneks.org to join **Anchor of Hope**, or mail your donation in the enclosed envelope.

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. In one year, this equates to more than 10 million victims.



Domestic violence is one of the primary causes of homelessness for women and their children in the United States. According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, between 22 and 57 percent of women and children are homeless due to domestic violence.

Transitional housing programs give survivors the time and services they need to achieve goals for long-term safety and stability.

Thank you for providing safe housing to a survivor and her three children

Sheila and her three children have lived in StepStone's transitional housing program for 6 months, thanks to you. Now, Sheila doesn't feel trapped and can make decisions whenever she wants. She can sleep in late on the weekend and fix brunch for her kids, or during the week, Sheila can fix breakfast for her kids and then take them to school.

These tasks may seem normal to you, but for Sheila, these opportunities were very rare. Before StepStone, Sheila was not sure what each morning would look like. Would there be yelling or more holes in the wall? Sheila did not have the freedom to get up and do the things that we take for granted because of her abuser.

Today, Sheila feels free and happy. There is no more yelling or holes in the wall. The children can go outside to the basketball court and play, while she keeps an eye on them from her apartment at StepStone.

Leaving an abusive relationship is a highly personal, individual decision, but all survivors benefit from having trusted people, like you, support their decision to leave.



You made it possible for this family to enjoy being outdoors while staying in a safe place.

Your generosity allowed a 7-year-old to sleep peacefully

Before coming to StepStone, a mother and her two sons experienced domestic violence and trauma at the hands of the boys' dad. The 7-year-old would constantly follow his mother around and had a lot of trouble sleeping at night.

It is very upsetting for children to see one of their parents abusing, attacking, or controlling the other.

One of the best ways to protect the interest and well-being of a child is for victims to receive the necessary support they need to leave the abusive environment. By doing this, children are spared further exposure to violence and are given a chance to grow up within healthier structures.

The first night that the boys and their mother were able to stay at a StepStone apartment, the 7-year-old slept peacefully through the night in his own bed.

Thank you for making it possible for this family to start a new life.



Sweet Dreams, because of You!

You have helped build a sense of community, empowerment, and the ability to create a support system

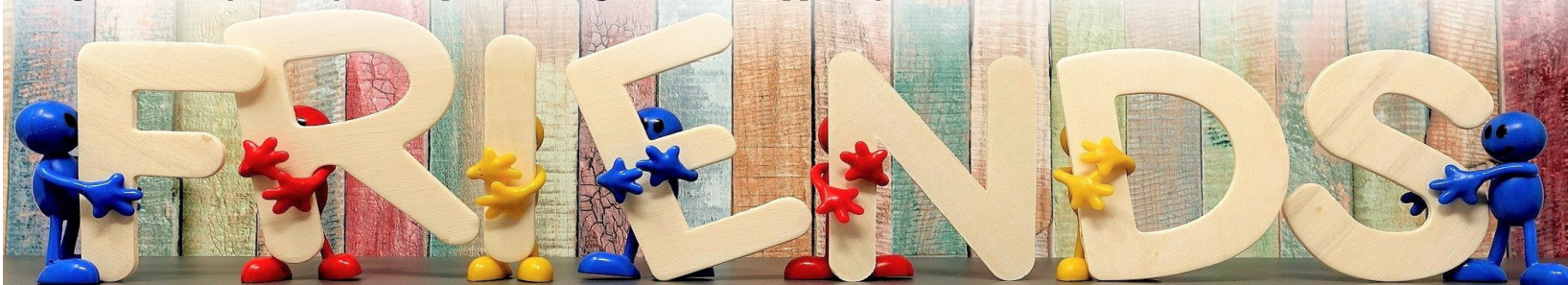
Thank you for supporting StepStone's transitional housing program at Bluffview Place.

The impact of safe housing on survivors of domestic violence is huge! Safe housing provides a pathway to freedom.

I know you understand the importance of having neighbors you can trust and rely on for help if needed. At Bluffview Place, there is a group of survivors who have become close friends. They help each other out by making sure their kids get on and off the bus for school. They give each other rides if one of their cars isn't working. They babysit each other's kids and also cook meals for one another.

They are building a support network that hopefully will continue once they leave the housing program at StepStone.

Again, thank you for your help in building a survivor support system.



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Personal Care Products

Paper Towels

Household Cleaning Products

Toothpaste/brushes

Laundry Detergent

Dryer Sheets

Plastic Storage Containers

Combs/Brushes

Feminine Hygiene Products

StepStone's mission responds to the critical needs of the survivors of domestic violence by providing supportive services and transitional housing to nurture lives of stability and hope.

Your support makes a difference



David has a future, because of you.

David was 3-years-old when his Mom, brothers, and sisters stayed at StepStone's transitional housing program. He was a shy boy with curls that covered his eyes. David struggled with his emotions while at StepStone and even after leaving the program.

Over the years, the family has kept in touch with the StepStone advocate who helped get them settled into the housing program at StepStone.

David, the 3-year-old, is now 17 and will graduate from high school mid-term in December. That struggling little boy has now enrolled at WSU Tech and will be taking college courses this summer to pursue an engineering degree.

Thanks to you, children like David will succeed.

Food Delivered!

This is how a 7-year-old says thank you after StepStone advocates deliver food donated by you and the community.

