

## LETTERS FROM CURRENT PARTICIPANT

Hello,

My name is Katelynn, I have a 20 month old daughter Nova and I have been in the United Way New Foundations program for over a year now. I heard about this program through a visiting nurse that I see for Nova, and she thought it would be a great place for me to start out on my own. I was living with my dad and step-mom at the time. I knew I wanted to have a place of my own for us, but had no idea where to start or to look.

*This program has been a great help to me for the past year. I've maintained a job, I've been able to go back to school for a medical billing & coding certificate which will be completed in the next coming year. The people who work at United Way have been very helpful with helping me get to where I am now. I can always call them if I have a problem and they will try to help me as much as they can if needed. This program can be a very useful tool for people who are looking to work towards achieving their goals and who want a better future for themselves, I know it has helped me tremendously and I'm thankful that I was able to get into a program like this and stick with it. I know it will benefit me and my daughter in the coming future.*



## NEW FOUNDATIONS

*An innovative, residential education program for single parents*



*New Foundations is a program of the United Way of Lamoille County.*



## HISTORY

New Foundations was made possible through a generous \$500,000 private donation which enabled us to purchase a building in downtown Morrisville for the program.

Recently we just purchased another building, which doubles our capacity. This allows us to help remove six single parent families from State and Federal funding. This cost of this program is \$67,000 a year.

The \$67,000 is used to pay the Program Manager's salary, taxes on the building, utilities, and program expenses for the participants.

## OUR PROGRAM MANAGER

Kylie Brown has a B.S. in Women and Children Advocacy from Johnson State College. She has also done advocacy work in the Vermont legislature to change the laws around child support and elusive, non-custodial parents (*aka Deadbeat Dads/Moms*). Her work led to the **Works for Kids** program for non-custodial and custodial parents to resolve issues surrounding child support.



Kylie is a single mother living in Eden with her 3 beautiful daughters. Having lived the 'single parent' lifestyle for most of her parenting years, she understands both the joys and struggles of single parenting.

## PROGRAM GOALS

***New Foundations is a 2 year residential program designed to give single parents a chance to further their education so they have greater earning power to support their families.***

**Year 1** of the program is solely dedicated to the parent's educational goals, whether that's obtaining a GED or high school diploma, a technical degree or an Associates degree.

**Year 2** of the program focuses on employment, or if the participant prefers, they may continue their education while working.

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## PROGRAM RULES

New Foundations is a strict, zero-tolerance program. Participants must refrain from using any drugs or alcohol while in the program so there are no distractions to reaching their goals.

Participants are not allowed to have regular overnight guests, though if approved in advance, the children may have friends sleep over. If participants have family or out-of-town guests that wish to spend the night, they must first get approval from the Program Manager.



## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Criteria to be considered for New Foundations:

- Must be a single parent who is bringing up a child or children without a partner.
- May have up to 2 children ages 5 and under.
- Must be drug and alcohol free.
- Must be able to get a Letter of Reference from an agency they have worked with in the past or are currently working with, attesting applicant is a good fit for the program.

## PROGRAM 'MUSTS'

Participants must:

- Be willing to work towards educational and employment goals.
- Meet weekly with Program Manager.
- Participate in other programs operated by our community partners
- Must remain drug and alcohol free while in the program and be willing to submit to random testing.
- Be willing to do the hard work necessary to meet their goals.