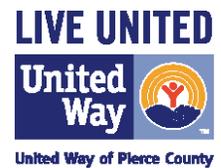


STRONG FAMILIES



MEET MARY

Mary first came to Salvation Army of Puyallup accompanied by her landlord, for utilities assistance. The previous tenants had failed to pay their utility bill, preventing her from getting the utilities turned on in her name.

Puget Sound Energy partnered with the Salvation Army to quickly resolve the problem. Mary happily left that day with the problem resolved.

Disaster struck when six months later, when the house Mary was renting was burned in a fire and she became homeless. Mary turned back to the Salvation Army for emotional support, and was given tireless help.

Mary soon found a new place to rent, but needed to replace all of her belongings. Thanks to United Way, she was able to receive bedding, pillows, blankets, chairs, cabinets, bathroom caddy storage, couch covers, pictures for her walls, bathmats, kitchen gadgets, a humidifier, and more.

Now Mary is back on her feet, and is thankful for the help she received in her community that got her there.

Providing funding to multiple programs helps families get help with more of their needs. These programs help young children and their families remove the barriers preventing them from breaking the cycle of poverty.

Providing the basic needs and support that helps people get on their feet and move toward stability.

Why It Matters

144,000 people visit food banks each month. Nearly **half** of those are working families

It is estimated that **2 in 5 homeless** in Pierce County are children.

33 percent of callers to South Sound 2-1-1 lived in homes with children under the age five.

Food, shelter and utility assistance, basic needs, are the top resources needed by callers to South Sound 2-1-1.