



LIVE UNITED *Success Stories:*

Stories from one of our 28 Brown County non-profit programs your donation supports!

Name of Organization: Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling

*Sally is a single parent with one dependent living with her. Sally owed taxes from a few years ago, and that is when her debt really started to accumulate. It was during the pandemic, that her hours were cut and she began facing a significant reduction of her monthly income. Sally was just holding on to her financial situation, Juggling household expenses, credit card debt, student loans, and a mortgage payment. Sally knew that the tax debt she owed would push her over the edge and it was a stressful load that she knew she needed to take care of. Sally heard about the FREE counseling services through Lutheran Social Services and so she contacted LSS Financial Counseling to see what could be done. The Staff at LSS set financial priorities and gave Sally strategies to deal with her creditors. Sally was relieved to find ways to move forward financially. Sally still has a lot of financial debt to pay off, but now she had a game plan and can see a path to financial freedom. After working with LSS Financial Counseling, Sally had this comment: "All of my appointments with LSS have felt truly life changing... I actually feel hopeful and in control of my finances."

****The name in this story has been changed to protect the identity of the participant.***

2021-2022 Program Partners:

BASIC NEEDS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

American Red Cross
(CADA)-Committee Against Domestic Abuse
Lutheran Social Services- Financial Counseling
Southern MN Crisis Nursery
NUMAS Haus
The Salvation Army
New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Brown County Public Health Universal Contact
Compassionate Friends

NURTURING CHILDREN & YOUTH

Eagles Preschool
Girl Scouts of MN & WI River Valleys
Healthy Communities / Healthy Youth
New Ulm Early Childhood & Family Education
Pro Kinship for Kids
Sleepy Eye Early Childhood & Family Education
Twin Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

ENRICHING LIVES OF SENIORS

(CAST)-Community & Seniors Together
LSS -Respite Care
LSS -Senior Nutrition

BUILDING SELF SUFFICIENCY

Adaptive Recreational Services
Life-Work Planning Center
MRCI
SMILES