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EDUCATION

Ashonte is a young woman with a bright future. She found Girl Scouts as a 6th grader, after the death of her mom, and has been active in their ConnectZ program ever since. Ashonte and many girls like her face considerable personal challenges. ConnectZ provides the tools, support and leadership to help them stay focused on a positive future. To Ashonte, ConnectZ is not just a group she belongs to, "It's where I found friends who became sisters and leaders who became mother figures to me." She is on track to graduate in December and start college. You can read more about Ashonte and how ConnectZ changed her life at www.uwmower.org.

INCOME

From Burma to Alaska to Austin. Myat is a long way from home but happy to be working again. She was a nurse for 26 years in Burma but found it difficult to find work upon arriving in Austin. Myat went to the Welcome Center where, through their job training and employment program, the staff helped Myat assess her skills and navigate the American employment system. In addition to helping her secure employment with Hormel Foods, staff enrolled her in Adult Education classes to improve her English. Myat's goal is to become fluent in English so she can once again be a nurse; this time in America. There is more to Myat's story on our website at www.uwmower.org.

HEALTH

The Parent to Parent WarmLine is a free consultation service for any parent looking for support and practical information on raising children. Mary can tell you first-hand how important parent mentors are. She utilized the Parent to Parent WarmLine for support, encouragement and advice after her daughter was diagnosed with Autism. Today she is on the other side, providing much needed expertise and guidance to parents of children with Autism or similar challenges. During times when parenting can be overwhelming, the WarmLine can become your lifeline. You can learn more about Mary's story on our website at www.uwmower.org.

BASIC NEEDS

On the verge of homelessness and unsure of where to turn, Rashid found his way to SEMCAC. SEMCAC staff not only were able to secure emergency housing assistance but provided information and resources to help Rashid develop a plan for long term stability. Part of his plan included referrals to CTS for financial coaching, the Salvation Army for food and clothing, and the Welcome Center for personal care items. It was through the collaboration of these and other agencies that Rashid was able to stabilize his life and today is back on his feet. Find more details about Rashid on our website at www.uwmower.org.

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