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#This is How We VILLAGE

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Dear Mr. Alessi,

We are deeply grateful for the discounted donation for our quarterly luncheon here at New Life Village. Your donation helps us to introduce donors, politicians, and other community leaders to our mission's work. These connections help us to provide program rich, below market housing for foster-adoptive and kinship families of children, many who have survived abuse, neglect and trauma – children like Jeremy and mothers like Janet.

Jeremy was born addicted to drugs and was immediately placed into foster care. Not 24 hours after becoming a licensed foster mom, Janet welcomed Jeremy into her home. As a single mother, Janet knew that she would need to rely on "her village" to assist with childcare and transportation, especially since Jeremy developed ongoing physical and behavioral health issues related to his fetal alcohol syndrome. In 2014, Janet and her three children moved to New Life Village. I am delighted to report that Janet and her three boys are thriving at New Life Village. The support of NLV's community enables her to balance work, school and family while she advances her career. Janet is employed as a culinary instructor at an area high school and is taking classes to complete her degree in restaurant management.



Eventually, she plans to buy a home for her and her boys. Until then, Janet helps create the community environment all NLV residence benefit from by sharing her talents in hospitality - planning village potlucks, holiday parties, special events and teaching cooking classes to the children.

As you know, NLV's intergenerational community addresses a critical gap in the system of care. Our Village exists to serve our residents who are adopting children, fostering or preventing children from entering into the foster care system. New Life Village is also home to senior residents who provide wrap around support for these families as mentors, tutors, surrogate grandparents and more. With your support, New Life Village continues to provide children like Jeremy and mothers like Janet a loving and supportive environment where they can heal and begin to thrive. We hope you will stay in touch and follow our exciting updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NLVillage/>. Also, visit the homepage of our website to watch the heartfelt video the Christian Broadcast Network produced about us. This is how WE Village!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mariah Hayden".

Mariah Hayden, M.A., M.B.A.
Executive Director

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