



## MEET MELISSA – A SUCCESS STORY THANKS TO YOU

The United Way of Siouxland works to better the lives of people in the community. We work with 30 agency partners, working to advance the education, income and health of Siouxland. The work they do provides success stories like Melissa's.

Melissa is a Siouxland woman who, without the help of the Crittenton Center, would not be where she is today.

She started bringing her son to Stella Sanford's Child Development Center when he just was 7 months old.

While Melissa attended treatment and searched for a job, her disabled father would watch her son.

It was recommended to her that she should take her son to the Stella Sanford Child Development Center through the Crittenton Center.

From the beginning, Melissa knew this was a place that would help improve her life. The atmosphere was inviting and fun. She appreciated how the program was run, and liked what was being taught to her son.

Melissa was sure that because of her history, she would not be able to get a job. But she did and began working in the Stella Sanford Childcare program at the center. She found her dream job.

The director of the program encouraged Melissa to finish high school and get her diploma. So, Melissa began to do both. The center allows Melissa to further her education, while still maintaining enough hours to support her son.

Melissa's son is now 2-years-old and still attends the Crittenton Center. Melissa currently is enrolled in college working toward her 4 year early childhood degree.

The center continues to support her as she works and finishes her high school education. She will forever be grateful for the faith they had in her. It's faith she did not have in herself. She is happy with where she is in life and could not have done it without the Crittenton Center.

Melissa is just one of the many people that are helped by your donation to the United Way of Siouxland.

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