



## MEET STAR – A SUCCESS STORY THANKS TO **YOU**

United Way of Siouxland works to better the lives of people in the community. We fund 30 programs that work to advance the education, income and health of Siouxland. The services provided allow for stories like Star's.

Star began attending Boys and Girls Clubs of Sioux City in June of 2016. In fact, she was one of the first girl members. Heather Snoozy, Art Coordinator at Boys and Girls Clubs says Star was a little shy, but seemed to love being in the art room.

Star would spend hours upon hours in the room sketching, painting and doing crafts. Heather soon realized exactly how bright and talented this 12-year-old was.

Heather began to ask Star questions about where she lived and why she began coming to the Club. Star answered her questions by stating that she lived at Bridges West and had been homeless for quite some time. She said there were days where she and her siblings would go without food and would not know where they would be sleeping from one day to the next.

She said she joined the Club because she heard it was a fun and safe place to be.

Since joining in 2016, Star has blossomed not only in her art, but in her social interactions. She is so much more outgoing, helpful and participates more in programs. Star was even nominated to be the Club Junior Youth of the Year!

Star recently told Heather that, for the first time in her 12 years, she feels like she belongs. She says the Club has become like a second family and a place where she can "get away" from all the struggles in her life.

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

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