

MEET LUCY – A SUCCESS STORY THANKS TO **YOU**

United Way of Siouxland works to better the lives of people in the community. Last year, with your help, we supported 83 local programs in the fight to improve the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community. The services provided allow for success stories like Lucy's.

Mary* discovered her 8-year-old daughter, Lucy*, was being sexually abused by her father. Mary immediately began seeking counseling for her daughter. She turned the father over to the authorities and contacted the Department of Human Services.

Mary also contacted Catholic Charities and shared that her health insurance was still through Lucy's father and Mary did not want to use it because she feared for her daughter's safety.

Despite the fact that Mary couldn't afford services and was barely making ends meet, Catholic Charities was able to provide she and Lucy counseling for the first month at no cost. As time went on, they worked together to transfer their healthcare coverage to under Mary's employer, which was then able to help pay for their counseling.

The social workers helped Mary so she could continue working and Lucy could attend school. They learned coping strategies that allowed both of them to feel safe and live healthy lives.

"This investment into Mary and her daughter was also clearly an investment in the community and one that was only made possible because of United Way and those who generously give each year," said a Catholic Charities representative.

Mary and Lucy are just two of the many people helped by your donation to United Way of Siouxland.

Thank you for **LIVING UNITED** | United We Fight. United We Win!

*Names have been changed to protect the family's identity