

# OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNERS

## STORIES OF OUR IMPACT *AS TOLD BY GRANTEES*

UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL OREGON

### MountainStar Family Relief Nursery

“James” is a 3-year-old boy with brown hair and a shy but infectious smile for anyone lucky enough to make eye contact with him.

His parents, who lack early childhood knowledge, enrolled him at MountainStar last year. When James first joined our Outreach Program and attended a respite class, our Outreach Coordinator noticed that James didn’t play with the other children and didn’t seem interested in the fine motor activities the children were playing with. He seemed to want to walk around and explore the classroom.

When James’ mom and our Outreach Coordinator had their phone “home” visits, she encouraged his mom to try some of the activities they did in the classroom, such as placing stickers on paper, coloring, painting, reading books to him, and encouraging him to pretend play. James now loves to do all the fine motor activities in respite class! He loves to paint, he enjoys reading books and most importantly, he now enjoys playing with the other children.



### Council on Aging - Meals on Wheels

Through our Caring Connections program (a weekly phone call between a volunteer and client to help build a connection and dissuade isolation for older adults) a client, Ed, shared that he did not have running water due to a water table issue with his well. He had been filling gallon jugs and bringing them back home over the winter.

This sparked follow-up conversations with our case managers to attempt to resolve this concern. Our case manager was able to help Ed by purchasing a large water tank that was connected to his home water system to get running water once again for his home.

Ed was barely getting by without running water, but with the aid of our volunteer and case manager he once again has water at his home and is in a much safer situation.



### Thrive Central Oregon

Marie is a single parent who left an abusive situation. She had exhausted her income moving and trying to catch up on rent.

After a partner organization recommended Thrive, she reached out, applied on the website and we began the application process for rent assistance. After going through the application process with Marie, Thrive was able to assist with multiple months of rent and utilities to get her family back on track. Marie was thankful and relieved to be

caught up on rent payments and become more financially independent.

When Thrive spoke with Marie’s landlord they said Thrive has communicated well and been the most reliable and easiest to work with. They also were incredibly appreciative of what Thrive has done for their tenant.

