

We are taking a break from the numbers this month. Sometimes it feels like the stories get hidden by the numbers. This month, we will let the stories (large and small) speak. These are just a few of the many great things that happened over the past sixty days.

- An anonymous donor paid a customer's Mid-American utility bill. (Scott County)
- Our staff helped a parent get an epi-pen covered by insurance. (Scott County)
- We helped someone living in a domestic violence shelter transition into an apartment. (Muscatine County)
- A boy on our Head Start playground gently intervened in another child's behavior, using a Conscious Discipline method he had seen modeled, without intervention by staff. (Scott County)
- A single mother received a donated car because of a partnership between our staff and the Salvation Army. (Clinton County)
- We found community partners and donors to help a disabled veteran repair his roof and his door (the fire department broke in for a medical call). When we learned he loved to cook and did not have a working stove, an anonymous donor bought one for him. (Scott County)
- A single mother with a disabled child was sleeping on the floor because she could not afford a bed. She was nominated for the Quad City Times Wishlist and received a bed and bedding. (Scott County)
- We helped a homeless family living in their car by accessing Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds. They are now living in a duplex with affordable rent. (Cedar County)
- The CCR&R staff helped a single mom with an income just above the Child Care Assistance level, by helping her access a local Early Childhood Iowa scholarship for child care. (Johnson County)
- Our Muscatine County staff noticed that a customer for energy assistance was not claiming property tax exemptions they were entitled to claim (Homestead, VA, Disabled/Senior). Our staff helped them save about \$117 per month by noticing this. (Muscatine County)
- Over the past year a non-verbal toddler in Muscatine has gained the ability to say a few basic words, and is continuing to show progress. (Muscatine County)

The regular report will return next month.