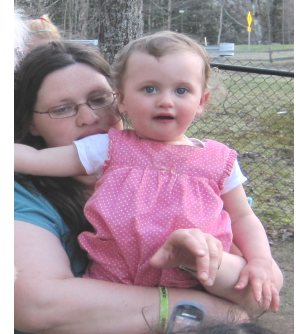


ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD BY FOCUSING ON THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A BETTER LIFE

For a building to be stable for the long term, it needs a solid foundation. The same is true in life, and the building blocks for a solid life are a strong education, financial stability and good health.

Amber, a high school drop-out, arrived at the homeless shelter with her 6 month old daughter. Within days, Amber connected with the Family Services Coordinator at Whole Village Family Resource Center and set realistic goals in the areas of education, income, and health. She enrolled Haley in Whole Village Child Care and began working with the staff to address her daughter's developmental delays. She signed up for tutoring with Pemi-Baker Literacy and she achieved her first goal 11 months later by earning her high school diploma.



Her next goal was employment and with her diploma in hand, she was successful at securing a job at Dunkin Donuts. Over time she was recognized for her consistent attendance and positive attitude. As she gained financial independence, she saved to buy her own car, budgeted appropriately to move into her own apartment, set and met another personal goal to take her daughter on a vacation (Amber's first ever vacation as well!). After 2 years of employment, Amber gained the skills and confidence to deal with a job lay off, connect to NH Works for benefits, and within a month, secured a new job.



Amber is committed to building a better life for herself and Haley. As a result, she attends every parent education program that WVFRC offers, schedules regular medical care, and continues to work with the early intervention specialists who are helping Haley achieve age appropriate milestones.

In Amber's words, *"Whole Village has supported me a lot and helped me work through challenging times. The staff makes sure that I am benefiting from resources that will help provide the best care for myself and Haley."*

Whole Village Family Resource Center, an initiative of LRUW, strengthens families and builds community through education, relationships and collaborations.

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