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TACKLING #UNIGNORABLE ISSUES

Homelessness

Youth mental health

Domestic violence

Because of sexual abuse endured at the hands of his father, 17-year-old Spencer struggled with depression and questions about his sexuality. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances his mom found it difficult to talk with her son about his problems and accept what was happening to him.

Concerned, Spencer's school reached out to find a program that would give him a safe place to stay and start to figure out his life.

Thanks to his school's willingness to face an #UNIGNORABLE issue, Spencer was able to receive help when and where he needed it; spending one year and eight months in a secure, United Way-supported environment where he could begin to heal. He also continued to go to class every day and worked hard to finish high school.

Now, Spencer has an apartment of his own, a job, and is able to ask for help whenever he needs it to support his opportunity for a better life.

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