

# JUNCTION SPOTLIGHT

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## 2022 BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW CAMPAIGN

Our annual Building a Better Tomorrow Campaign has begun. The campaign counts on the generosity and support of individuals, businesses, and area churches to fund our programs.

During our campaign, we will be sharing stories about how our programs positively impact a child or a family's life.

These gifts help fund programs for families in our 7 low-income neighborhoods.

If you'd like to make a difference, click below.

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## SUPPORT THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

Niyoosha first participated in our Summer Junction program when she started elementary school. Her mom and Niyoosha were active participants in our Healthy Living Pays (HLP) program and shared fun visits to the gym. She was always outgoing and friendly, unfortunately, there were disruptions in her home life, and they brought changes in her demeanor.

Her mother worked long hours to make ends meet and then had to endure illness and medical operations. Niyoosha was dealing with difficult emotions and it was harder for her to relate to her mother and her peers. Her mother reached out to our Field Manager Greg for help with Niyoosha. She wanted her to engage in outside activities have fun and be a kid again. Greg included her in YMCA gym visits and registered her in our in-person Brain Builders tutoring program at Drew Middle School.

Soon Niyoosha was asking to go with the other Stafford Junction kids on HLP outings for nature walks and sports. Thirteen-year-old Niyoosha now participates in many Stafford Junction programs and volunteers by helping shop for the Food Pantry and distributing Tide Me Over bags. Niyoosha continues to grow, and we enjoy seeing her happy and smiling again.



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