



## Reducing the Cycles of Poverty and Abuse

### A new direction: Jennifer's Story

With help of the David Busby Street Centre (DBSC), a United Way funded agency, Jennifer was able to escape the streets and realize a safe and stable life.

Jennifer had a heartbreaking story to tell when she arrived at the DBSC. She had been suffering with depression and had been the victim of abuse. To cope she had turn to street drugs. Jennifer began to visit the Centre and soon was a regular. Becoming more comfortable with the Centre, she began opening up to staff and started receiving counseling on an on-going basis. When she felt ready, staff helped her find stable housing and soon after she acquired a full time job. Later when she realized her addictions were out of control, she voluntarily entered a treatment program.

Jennifer still comes to the Centre to receive on-going support and is doing well. She says she is indebted to the Centre for their kindness, compassion and support and credits it for turning her life around in a new direction.



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