Imagine how frightening it would be for a preschool child to be uprooted from familiar surroundings as her family faced eviction and the prospect of imminent homelessness. That’s the situation Jackie and her family found themselves in. Thankfully, Rick, Jackie’s dad heard about United Way of Weld County’s (UWWC) Housing Navigation Center (HNC) where he was referred to a UWWC funded program to receive emergency funds to pay rent that month. Today, Jackie’s family continues to be served with case management and other resources through the coordinated efforts of the HNC. The HNC provides coordinated services for families facing complex challenges. Staff and caseworkers connect family members with the help they need to open doors of hope.

When Earline retired from being a nurse, she looked for new ways to encourage and help teach new parents valuable skills for raising their children. Now, Earline volunteers with a UWWC funded program that offers visits to new parents and their babies to provide skills and parenting guidance to ensure their children are ready for school and reading at grade level by the time they reach fourth grade.

At 93 years old, Elinor is sharp witted and feisty. She lives on her own but her limited mobility keeps her from getting out. Through UWWC funded programs, Elinor receives hot meals and opportunities for socialization that allow her to remain living independently in her own home.
To you it's just $10 a week, for some it's...

- ONE night of shelter out of the cold for 27 individuals experiencing homelessness

To you it's just $5 a week, for some it's...

- the opportunity for SEVEN youth to attend after-school programs that help them graduate and prepare for success in life

To you it's just $12.50 a week, for some it's...

- rides to appointments and to run errands for 18 older adults helping them keep their independence

Throughout his childhood, Eddie's life has been hard. He has grown up with a foster mother and has lacked a male role model to lead the way. Through a UWWC program, Eddie was paired up with Byron, who stepped in and filled the void of a male role model in his life by encouraging him in the right direction and helping him learn skills to succeed in life.

To you it's just $1 a week, for some it's...

- ONE box of nutritious food for TWO families struggling to make ends meet.

Mark had temporarily lost his employment, due to a medical injury, and was waiting for clearance from his doctor to say he was able to go back to work. One consequence of losing his paycheck, even temporarily, was that he also lost his apartment. Thanks to the HNC and Cold Weather Shelter, Mark had a place he could receive mail as well as a warm and safe place each night until he was able to go back to work and start earning enough money to get a new place to live. Having a place to stay while Mark got back on his feet helped him get his dignity back.

Dale needed to go to monthly doctor appointments after a hospital stay but was unable to drive himself and didn’t have any family in the area that could help him. Because he couldn’t afford to pay for transportation, he went for three months without an appointment. Thanks to a UWWC funded program, Dale was able to get free rides to his appointments as well as other errands, enabling him to stay independent in his own home.