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# SUCCESS STORY: MEET SUSIE



**From homeless to college graduate, Susie finds confidence in herself.**

Four years ago, Susie relapsed in her fight for sobriety and found refuge at Interfaith Shelter in Harrisburg. During her time there, she regained sobriety, worked, learned to budget and save money for a better future for herself and her son.

Interfaith Shelter is one of the many shelters supported by United Way of the Capital Region. We understand a crisis can happen to anyone, that's why we dedicate more than \$1 million annually to help people in urgent situations. This includes food, housing and utilities, child care, information and referral, and language support.

In December 2024, Susie earned her associates degree in addictions counseling from Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). She then began working on her bachelor's degree at Elizabethtown College in January 2025. Her goal is to help women and children because she understands how to fight and win the addiction battle as well as the remarkable resources in our community to help people succeed.

"I believe a special thanks goes out to anyone who helps support this work," Susie says. "Sometimes all people need is a helping hand."

**WATCH THE VIDEO**



***"I believe in myself  
not because  
somebody told me.  
I believe in myself  
because of the things  
I have accomplished."  
- Susie***

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