

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OWENSBORO-DAVISS COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: BOULWARE MISSION, INC.**

Brittany's story is not uncommon among Boulware's female clientele. Her parents were both drug addicts and she was raised in the midst of poverty, constant drug use, alcoholism and abuse. As a young woman, she herself became addicted to prescription painkillers and mood altering drugs. At a time in her life when most girls her age were going off to college and starting their lives, she was struggling to make it as a single mother, "couch hopping" with no place to call her own and addicted to Heroin. She desperately wanted a better life for her infant daughter than she'd had growing up, but she was clueless as to how to make it a reality. Brittany's life became so out of control that she served a brief stint in jail on a possession charge and lost custody of her daughter. Although she had reached rock bottom, she soon found that this was the unlikely answer to her prayers when a concerned friend brought her to Boulware Mission. She still remembers the day that she was dropped off like it was yesterday. She was met with kindness and understanding and could tell that this was the beginning of a fresh start for her. Through the assessment with her case manager, it was clear that Brittany suffered from more than just drug abuse. She had been diagnosed with mental health problems, but her medication was not being taken properly. Brittany was referred to a local mental health agency and got her medications under control. She successfully went through the licensed drug and alcohol addiction treatment portion of the *Self Sufficiency* program and entered recovery from drugs and alcohol. Brittany learned how to make a better financial future for herself through Boulware's Financial Literacy classes and how to find a job through Employment Skills. For the first time, she had a full-time job and was earning a living for herself. She stayed at the Mission while working and saved enough money to purchase a car. Next, she saved up enough money to get an apartment. Today, Brittany is living the life she had always hoped for. She has her daughter back and has been living on her own for several months. She is working hard at her job and has a new fiancé. If you were to ask Brittany, she would tell you that she wouldn't be where she is today if it were not for Boulware. The Mission saved her and her daughter's life and she will be eternally grateful for Boulware and for your support.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 **Boulware Mission** can:

- Provide three months' worth of food delivery from Tri-State Food Bank
- Provide 25 drug screening tests to keep drugs out of the Mission
- Provide 10 AA Books (Alcoholics Anonymous) for aide in client recovery efforts
- Provide personal hygiene items to 10 residents

