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EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF COMMITMENT

Jeff Davis COMMUNITY IMPACT

Your support makes stories like this possible.

At 74 years old, a grandmother in Jeff Davis Parish has taken on the full-time care of her 14-year-old granddaughter, who lives with disabilities. The child's mother passed away from a fentanyl overdose, and her father struggles with addiction, leaving this grandmother as her only source of stability and love.

Life has not been easy. Years ago, she was badly injured while working at the garment factory in Jennings, requiring five back surgeries that left her unable to work. Then, last year, she lost her husband to kidney disease. His treatments drained what little savings they had, and without his support, she quickly fell behind on rent and basic expenses.

On top of this, when she purchased a bed and sofa for her granddaughter, the furniture was delivered with bed bugs. The infestation spread, forcing her to spend what little she had fumigating her home. The furniture store refused to accept responsibility. Already cutting back on food and supplies, she simply could not catch up.

That's when United Way Southwest Louisiana stepped in. We covered three months rent to help her avoid losing her home, giving her the breathing room she needed to stabilize her finances. We also hired local exterminators to assess the infestation in her home and work toward a lasting solution—ensuring that she and her granddaughter can live in comfort and dignity.

This is the impact of giving. United Way provides more than just financial relief—we bring hope, restore stability, and remind families like this one that their community has not forgotten them.

Your support makes this possible. Together, we can lift up struggling families across Southwest Louisiana, giving them the chance to breathe easier today and build a stronger tomorrow.



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