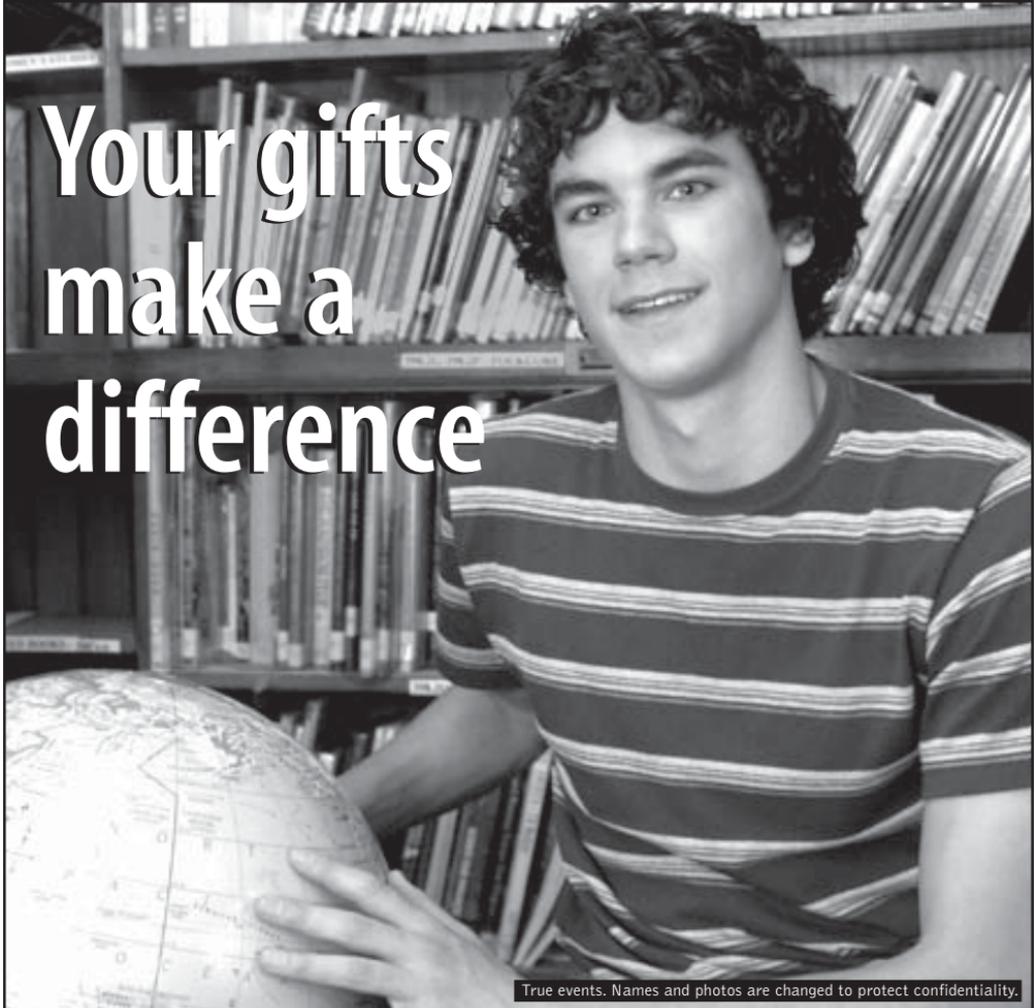


# Your gifts make a difference



True events. Names and photos are changed to protect confidentiality.

Jerry was faking his way through life.

Already in his late teens, he hid a secret that was more difficult to conceal with each passing day: he couldn't read.

Jerry entered a United Way partner agency's adult literacy program when he finally decided to take steps to overcome his inability to read. He also struggled with health and mental issues, including a dangerous eating disorder. With so many obstacles in his way, learning to read and getting a GED was not going to be easy.

"I did not get my GED the first time I tried," Jerry said, "but with the help of the United Way agency's literacy program, through hard work and determination and faith in the Lord, I did prevail."

Recently, Jerry took the ACT test and is interested in pursuing college-level studies for a career in child education.

"We are all proud of Jerry and his success," said one agency counselor. "Jerry's story is an inspiration for other teens and adults with problems. His self-esteem has increased and he is coping well with challenges."

Your support of United Way's network of care helps people like Jerry overcome obstacles that cannot be conquered alone. Thank you for supporting the United Way fundraising campaign!

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