



MEET SUE

My name is Susan. I am the mother of four incredible children and 2 grandchildren. I still have 3 children at home with me: Morgan, my 21 year-old daughter who attends Sierra College, Melanie, my 17 year old daughter who is a senior at Del Oro High School, and Joe, my 15 year old son, who is a sophomore at Del Oro High School.

I found out about Human Connexus Foundation through my church clergyman. I don't like asking for help and usually try to handle things on my own. However my circumstances have become dire and I am growing weary of living in constant uncertainty.

I was married in 1980, to my high school sweetheart, a person that I thought I would be married to forever. I devoted my life to being a wife and a mother. Throughout the last 15 years of our marriage, my husband was constantly threatening to leave, so with four small children at home, I went through the RN program at a local community college. After graduation, I worked as a RN off and on part time, but never enough to get a lot of experience in any particular area. Caring and being there for my family was always my first priority.

In the past few years, I have experienced some health problems. I had to undergo a hysterectomy in 2004 and then a partial thyroidectomy in 2006 for thyroid cancer. I also suffer from a chronic pain and fatigue condition, "fibromyalgia". A few months after my 2006 surgery, we discovered that my, now 17 year old, daughter has Crohn's disease. In July of 2007, after 27 years of marriage my husband walked away from our family. He left us in financial ruin. He left piles of unpaid bills and very little money. We had to move out of our home of 8 years and sell most of our belongings to make ends meet. A few months after settling into a new home, my 74-year-old father was almost killed in a car accident. He broke his neck. He and my mother needed a place to live, close to medical treatment. So in May of 2008, my children and I moved into another home with my parents. In July of 2008, I was advised by my medical doctor to have the rest of my thyroid taken out and to undergo radiation treatment. I had the surgery and in September I completed radiation treatment. All of the stress of the impending divorce, surgeries, and finances has greatly exacerbated my fibromyalgia.

Currently, I am working part time in a doctor's office and I am not getting any ordered child or spousal support. Recently I have been applying for additional work but it has been difficult because I lack necessary clinical education and experience. I know that with further education and certifications, I can get a job as an RN in an area that I can handle physically and still be able to be there for my family. If I were given the opportunity to receive help with living and educational expenses, it would enable me to further my education by taking a refresher course and get the additional certifications I need to get a good job. With a better job, I will be able to pay off our debts. My goal is to provide a good life for my children and be a good example to them. I don't want to be a worry or a burden. I just need a little help getting over this bump in the road. I will never forget the help I receive and will pay it forward in whatever way I can. Thank you so very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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