Margo’s Story

Margo’s home is a haven for her family. It’s a place where her kids can have slumber parties and play in the backyard. Margo’s home is also a reminder of how far she has come.

After a devastating divorce and an accident that caused Margo to lose her job, picking up the pieces seemed impossible. But when Margo found United Way THRIVE, she found that she didn’t have to pick up the pieces alone.

Margo began United Way THRIVE financial education courses, learning how to budget, how to save money and how to build up her credit. She worked with a financial coach and, for the first time ever, realized she might one day be able to buy a home for her family.

“They taught me, with what little money I was making, how to manage it and live on a budget,” Margo says. “This is not just something for the time being. These are tools that you can use for the rest of your life.”

Margo started a new job and put her new financial skills to use managing her income. She expanded her financial education to include homeownership courses and deposited every penny she could into a savings account that United Way THRIVE matched to help her make a down payment on a home.

Margo remembers walking through the front door for the first time. “There were lots of happy tears,” she says. “I’m full now. I’m very proud of what I’ve accomplished.”

Margo’s heart is full, but she is not stopping there. Now, her goals are to become a supervisor at work and to build a savings account dedicated to home upkeep and repair so her family’s first home is never at risk.

“I’m hopeful for my future,” Margo says. “I have a steady job now, I own my home and I’m in a great place. Things are going nowhere but up for me with the help of United Way.”