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STORY OF SUCCESS



My Sister's Child



Melissa never expected to be raising a young boy on her own. She *really* never expected to be doing it while still in college. In fact, Melissa just hadn't thought about raising a child at all. But when her sister was convicted on drug charges, leaving four-year-old Tanner without a home, Melissa's life was changed forever.

Tanner's grandmother couldn't take him in due to her tiny one room efficiency apartment. The thought of him going into the foster care system was just unbearable for Melissa, so she offered to become his legal guardian—and her new reality began.

Enrolled in pre-Kindergarten in the Canyon school district, Tanner gets out of school at 11. With the grandmother working full time 8-5 and Melissa in school herself, how would Tanner safely be cared for after school? Tanner's teacher told her about CASP - the Canyon After School Program.

Since Melissa only makes minimum wage at her weekend job, and is still a full-time college student, Tanner qualifies for a greatly reduced rate at CASP thanks to United Way funding. In a safe environment with his classmates, Tanner gets help with his homework, participates in fun activities and even has a nutritious snack. When Melissa picks him up a little after 5, they're able to eat supper together, talk about their day, and have some playtime before bed.

Although Tanner isn't with his mom right now...Melissa is making sure his life can stay as normal as possible, with a little help from Canyon After School Program and United Way. Thank you for *your* donations that make it all possible!

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