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JANE'S STORY

At 28 years old, Jane was rushed to a local hospital after an altercation with her child's father. An Emergency Advocate for the Women's Resource Center met Jane at the hospital to provide advocacy during the forensic exam. Jane had suffered extensive injuries to her back, neck, and head as a result of the assault.

Jane's four-year-old son, Mike, witnessed the altercation between his parents and began having nightmares and developing attachment issues with his mother. The Coordinator of Children's Counseling met with Mike for counseling. In addition, the Women's Resource Center offered ongoing counseling to Jane and Mike so they could continue to process and heal from the trauma they had both experienced as a result of the domestic violence. On Jane's behalf, they made a referral to the Women's Resource Center's Justice System Navigator, allowing Jane to receive advocacy throughout the court process.

The court scheduled hearings to discuss the custody and visitation of Mike as well as criminal charges against the perpetrator. The Justice System Navigator attended the hearings with Jane to help her understand the process and her options and to provide emotional support. All of these services were offered completely free of charge.

At United Way of the New River Valley, we stand United against domestic violence and work to intervene in times of crisis. That's why we support agencies like the Women's Resource Center NRV, which, in 2019 alone, served 3,664 clients. By offering counseling, legal services, an emergency shelter, and a crisis hotline, WRCNRV strives to help all women in need, regardless of their circumstances. To help advocate for women like Jane, donate to United Way today.

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