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LUKE'S STORY

Luke is 3 years old and is just beginning to learn his words. He is quiet and enjoys playing on the playground. Working at local restaurants, his mother and father have kept their jobs for 2 years now, and they enjoy being able to work to support their small family. Luke has a small voice and frowns when you ask him a question. He also likes to sing by himself and will sometimes let someone come into his class and join him in a song. Some days he will sing along and sway to the music, but other days he will say "no sing." To aid in his developments, Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) contacted Early Intervention to screen him.

VICCC is working with him to increase his expressive language, including providing a speech therapist. His parents are extremely thankful that VICCC could screen him onsite and begin assisting him before he starts public school. This allows both of them to continue working and places Luke in a better situation to transition to public school and continue with an individualized education plan.

At United Way of the New River Valley, we strengthen families and youth and help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. That's why we support agencies like the VICCC, who provide childcare and educational support for income-eligible, working families. Live United with the VICCC and United Way by donating today.



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