As I reflect back on this school year, the phrase that comes to mind is “it takes a village.” Parents, siblings, neighbors, teachers, frontline workers... everyone stepped up and took care of each other like never before. This extends to our FAN community. The generosity of our donors and supporters has been incredible. As an organization, we remain humbled and grateful for our village.

This village has been essential for our FAN families this school year. FAN advocates have been busy helping families with Wi-Fi “hotspots,” food, utilities, and other basic needs. They have been connecting with families throughout this unprecedented time and will continue to do so all summer. They can do this work because of FAN donors and supporters like you!

In the words of a parent:

“Hope and encouragement. I am truly blessed to have my advocate.”

“The support from my advocate has allowed me to be a better parent.”

“My advocate has been so kind and helpful. I’ve never met someone more caring than her.”

“We love FAN advocates. They listen to and care for my family.”

“My FAN advocate is always kind, goes above and beyond for families. It’s a fantastic program that is rare to find.”

95% of families surveyed reported that FAN improved their lives. 87% of families indicated that FAN services helped their child attend/stay in school.

JAYDEN’S STORY

Jayden and his sister had lived with their single mother in a rental house for the past eight years. But lately, Jayden came to school with his head hanging, carrying the stress of his family on his shoulders. Their house was being sold, and his family faced the difficult task of finding a new home. With the current rental market in Central Oregon, finding housing was trickier than expected, even with a pristine rental history. Jayden’s mom approached her FAN advocate, and they built a plan. Mom found a friend they could stay with temporarily while she researched a townhome, but her income meant putting down a double deposit. FAN helped connect the mom to NeighborImpact to help with the cost. Now, Jayden’s family has moved into their new home, excited for a less stressful chapter when they won’t need to worry about where to sleep. Jayden and his sister have flourished in school and in life.

FAN helps families thrive by connecting them to basic needs. Last year, FAN linked:

- 2,892 children & parents to CLOTHING
- 3,417 people to FOOD
- 3,589 children to SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- 1,641 people to SHELTER OR HOUSING
- 2,455 individuals to UTILITY ASSISTANCE
- 993 children to HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTH SERVICES
- 492 students to POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- 74 people to EMPLOYMENT
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