Hello {name},

Douglas is a longtime resident of Fond du Lac who lives with a chronic health condition that impacts his daily routine and ability to work and enjoy life. Several years ago, Douglas’ doctor referred him to the Catholic Charities Community Counseling program to help him manage the emotional toll of his illness.

His counseling resource made a “dramatic impact and kept me on the right path. I was in a bad place and Catholic Charities helped make it better.”

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic upended all of our lives. Due to his health condition, Douglas was at serious risk of severe illness or death if he were to be infected. The danger to his health was so dire that he was forced to leave his job.

Douglas contacted Catholic Charities for assistance. His case manager scheduled meetings with a therapist and helped him apply for benefits that allowed him to maintain his health care, keep his home, and have food on his table.

“COVID changed the world, and Catholic Charities kept me grounded and focused,” said Douglas. “Catholic Charities was there throughout it all with me and really helped. Through all the years I have been coming here, everyone has been awesome and helpful!”

Without Catholic Charities and other community partners supported by the Fond du Lac Area United Way, families and individuals in need – like Douglas – would go without the emotional support and mental health care they need to live more fully.

Sincerely,

Amber Kilawee
Executive Director, Fond du Lac Area United Way