

Good morning,

My name is Tanesha Lowe and I am a resident in the 092 District of New Haven. Two years ago, I found myself unemployed, homeless and downtrodden. With a college education and many years serving my community, I was forced to rely on public assistance and resources I customarily referred my clients to. I was lost in a maze.

A social worker told me about a program called STRIVE that would not only help me regain employment but will foster my attributes and expose and improve upon my challenges. I JUMPED IN WITH BOTH FEET.

While attending STRIVE NH, the staff assisted me with acquiring housing, gave me the tools I needed to market myself and assisted me with finding employment. My family, my community and I will forever be grateful for everything they did.

I know of countless stories like mine; of hundreds of people who find themselves walking into those STRIVE doors hopeless, only to leave with a better sense of community, a brighter future and the drive to make their communities better.

Please reconsider funding for this program. Without programs like this, countless single moms like myself would fall through the cracks and continue being a strain on the community.

With Regards,  
Tanesha C. Lowe