



Rising Independence —

"At first I got free food and eventually a place to call home. I started an apprenticeship at Significant Elements which led to full-time employment. I reconnected with my community and learned the importance of networking. I really appreciated the opportunities to connect with students at Cornell about my experiences and going to conferences and speaking about the independent living survey. I got to meet and ask the mayor questions. It all inspired me to push forward." -- Jake, Learning Web participant.

Before receiving help from The Web, Jake was unsure of where to go and didn't have a real place to stay. He knew he needed support and that having a steady place to stay would provide him with the stable foundation to acquire full-time work. "Before I knew the Learning Web existed, I thought I was an oddity. Knowing that others like me existed I felt more comfortable with my situation," shared Jake. With Jake's resilience, hard work, and ability to ask for help, we know he has a bright future ahead.

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Resilience Through a Pandemic and Beyond

In the past year we faced obstacles no one was planning to face. Making plans was cancelled, adaptability became mandatory, we lived in a new distanced, virtual world seemingly overnight. We faced uncertainty. Yet, The Learning Web has gratefully witnessed the resilience around and within us.

Our youth have faced the obstacles of homelessness, the need for support and have pushed forward; staying focused and engaged. Our partners, volunteers, and donors have continued to give time, knowledge, and resources in the support of our youth. Our staff have adapted the programs we offer to safely and effectively move forward with our mission and vision.

We hope these stories provide a window to view the work we do with those we serve. We invite you to partner with us in our continued resilience and thank you for your support.

Gratefully,
Danielia Barron



Plowing Ahead —

We met JD last year when The Web needed someone to plow our driveway. We had seen this young business owner around Ithaca, always working hard and after one big snowstorm we called him to come plow our driveway. Now JD is a mentor for The Learning Web. He is currently working with Sam in our Life Skills Program, teaching him about landscaping and lawn maintenance work. Thank you JD for becoming a Learning Web mentor!

"I want to open up my own landscaping business eventually. JD taught me a lot and I know that I can reach out to him for advice," reported Sam.

Sam likes having a schedule and being productive, but he needed more guidance when it came to finding a career path. Together, with The Learning Web Staff, Sam was able to harness his passion of the outdoors for a successful apprenticeship with JD.



NEW! Supporting Strong Families

COLLABORATION IS KEY

Through a collaboration with the Department of Social Services and The Advocacy Center that began in 2019, The Web now offers services to pregnant and parenting young people age 16-24. Supporting Strong Families services are designed to support young parents to gain the skills and knowledge to keep themselves and their children safe from abuse and violence and make gains in accessing stable housing, education, employment, financial stability, and skills necessary to live independently and raise a family.

PARENTING WITH PATIENCE

Shelby, a young mother of two needed some extra support when it came to finding local services and juggling her active little ones, "I've learned to be more patient and how to teach my toddler at the same time I'm with the baby."

