

dustin's journey

Diagnosed with a developmental disability early in life, Dustin faced more than his fair share of challenges. Finding meaningful work seemed out of reach until he connected with Cross Plains Community Partner, a United Way-funded partner dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities live fuller, more independent lives. With guidance from his job coach and support from community-based services, Dustin gained real-world experience, built confidence, and developed the skills he needed for success.

His breakthrough came when he was hired at Dos Bros Mexican Grill, where he quickly became a valued team member known for his reliability and positive attitude. Today, Dustin works four days a week, navigates public transportation independently, and even mentors others in the program who are just starting their own journeys.

"I never thought I could do all this," Dustin shares.

"But now I know I can. I feel proud of who I am."

Dustin's story is a testament to what is possible when we invest in people. When you give to United Way of Northwest Georgia, you create opportunities. You help fund programs that provide critical support, open doors, and help people like Dustin turn dreams into reality. Together, we are turning barriers into opportunities.

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you will provide individuals with developmental disabilities with transportation to work for two months

Thanks to your support last year, big things happened:

276 lives enriched through meaningful community involvement, volunteer work, and life skills for individuals with developmental disabilities

young adults with developmental disabilities explored their potential through hands-on internships

