



Jerry Williams and son, Dakota River Valley area

My Name is Jerry Williams but I'm most often known as "Dakota's Dad". Not so long ago, Dakota and I were on welfare, even though I was working a full-time job.

I wanted my little boy to have a better life and, despite those in my life who told me I couldn't do it, I decided to get an education. That's when I first learned about Single Parent Scholarship Fund, the organization that quite literally changed my life.

Life was difficult at times. Dakota and I suffered through two summers without air conditioning – one because I couldn't afford to fix it and another because I couldn't afford the electricity to run it. We didn't have much, but with the help and encouragement of the amazing people at SPSF, I made it.

Today, I do what I love – programming massive industrial robots as an Automation Engineer. I shudder to think what our lives would be like today if SPSF hadn't placed it's faith in me. This gift has changed my life and Dakota's life forever. Thank you!