

When Ivy started at the Children's Center of the Upper Valley (CCUV) she was less than a year old and experiencing the many milestones that are reached by their first birthday. Ivy's dad had been diagnosed with cancer shortly after she started at the center.

Her mom suddenly found herself having to manage a household, doctor's appointments and a full time job while caring for her husband. CCUV's administration immediately reached out to this family and offered a reduction in their child care fee's.

Unfortunately not long after diagnosis, Ivy's dad passed away. Over the last three years, Ivy has spent a tremendous amount of time growing and learning at CCUV.

She is a sweet, very social little girl who loves playing with her friends and learning about the weekly theme. Although too young at the time to realize that her father was sick and eventually succumbed to his illness, the staff at CCUV provided the family with extra support and guidance as needed.

Ivy has developed strong attachments to her teachers. CCUV's ability to retain staff has made a significant difference for Ivy as she has been with the same adult teachers for most of her life.

Suddenly becoming a one income household was tough for this mother. She was grateful for the Income Sensitive Tuition Program to remain at the center where her daughter was most comfortable with trusting adults.

Without the Program, she would have had to remove her child from CCUV and find a less expensive alternative.

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