## Sipe's Orchard Home

We help families grow their dreams.



Alex came to us almost a year ago. He and his sister were raised by his mother until she passed away in 2013. Unfortunately, there was no family to take care of them. Alex and his sister were placed in foster care and eventually separated.

He was in a good foster home and formed a connection with his foster parents, but as he approached adulthood they wanted him to learn to be more independent. He was referred by his social worker to our transitional living program.

Alex was quiet at first, but smiled a lot. He enjoys working out and is active in his church. He does well with structure, and needs a schedule to keep him focused. He has mental health issues, but has a good understanding of them and how they affect him. This year he graduated high school, got a job, and he plans to attend CVCC in January. He also learned how to drive this year and he is very proud of that.

Alex—like any typical teenager—has many strengths, but still needs some direction. We are working with him to learn how to manage his money through our financial literacy program.

About six months ago his sister, Lisa, was referred to Sipes. She was in a foster care home, but became old enough to be part of our program. Lisa is quiet, funny, enjoys music, and is attending high school. We are blessed by the fact that we can serve this sister and brother, and that they could be reunited once again after so many years apart.

This is just one of many stories that we can share in 2017. Along, with the stories of the youth that we have served, we have been blessed by expanding our transitional living program, improving our Pre-K and remaining financially strong.

Thank you for your support this past year. We look forward to what's in store for Sipes, and the youth we serve in the upcoming year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Jamie Brown CEO

