

NAME:
Miranda Jordan

Age:
26

RESIDENCE:
Castlewood
Apartments

*Davenport, IA
96 Apartments*

AFFORDABILITY:
- Low-Income Housing
Tax Credit
(Income Restricted)

*Last updated in 2019

VOICES OUT LOUD

Miranda Jordan

I am 26 years old with a four-year-old child. I should be able to be independent. Unfortunately, things happened ... [but] I will not live on the street with my child.

Miranda Jordan was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa. Her mother was a single parent, raising Miranda and her siblings for the first ten years of her life in a low-income apartment. Miranda's mom saved up and

was able to move the family into their own home as Miranda completed high school and became a certified nurse's assistant.

Miranda moved out of home to live with her then-partner and they soon had a son, Victor in a small country town called Buffalo just outside of Davenport where the rents were still very cheap. After she and her partner broke up, Miranda knew she needed somewhere truly affordable to live and raise her son. After he was born, she had stayed at home to raise their son and so was out of workforce with limited personal income. She wasn't able to rely on her family and friends who were also struggling at the time and had to manage this on her own.

Diagnosed with fibromyalgia around the same time, Miranda was struggling with her mental health and found security when a unit became available at Castlewood Apartments in October 2017. Miranda and her son quickly moved in and for the first time in while she could finally breathe again. She laments about her sister Stephanie, who works at minimum wage in a hot factory, sometimes up to 60 hours a week and still barely affords to live herself. Reflecting on that, Miranda understands how lucky she is, hoping to be a strong and encouraging role model for her young son, as he grows up to become an independent and contributing member of society.



I am trying to break this cycle...I know I am secure here...until I get in a position where I can move on.