



United Way of York County

STORIES OF *SUCCESS*

## EDUCATION: HELPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To improve people's lives by building a strong community through cultivating financial generosity, volunteerism and civic engagement.*

### JEREMY'S STORY:

Jeremy was a seventh grader who did not like to read. He had a difficult time reading aloud and felt embarrassed and ashamed when he was called upon. He worked with the staff at Crispus Attucks' Rising STARS program to improve his reading skills. Every day Jeremy read aloud to the Rising STARS staff and steadily gained more confidence in his reading ability. As the year progressed, Jeremy began to ask if he could help the elementary school age children read on the days he did not have homework. On Dr. Martin Luther King Day, he was featured as a reader of Dr. King's speeches.