To whom this may concern. This program helped me tremendously! I was unemployed, was able to get a small apartment through the help of ND rent help but I didn't have any money or furniture. I didn't have a bed so I slept on the floor. This program was amazing and provided me with a bed, a couch, small kitchen table with a couple chairs to go with it among some kitchen utensils. This program gave me hope and a head start to getting my life back. I ran into some hard times and lost most of what I had. Since then I've been working, I get to come home to a place where I can rest on my couch sleep in my bed and eat dinner at a table. Before this, I sat on the floor, ate on the floor and slept on the floor. There's plenty of people around here that need this help. Sometimes things happen that are out of our hands and we have nowhere to turn to. That's where this program steps in and provides hope. I hope you find this letter helpful and know there's good people and families that truly just need a little help.

Thank you. Jeremiah Reis (725) 270-4977 Hello, My Name is Amber Roberson-Kitzman. I reside in Beulah ND. I am a 41 year old chronically ill and disabled woman. I'm also a mother to 4 daughters and a grandmother to 4 grandbabies. I have been chronically ill and disabled for over a decade now. I suffer from many ailments such as a neurological condition called Functional neurological disorder. With this disorder comes many difficult, yet daily symptoms. I struggle with walking, balance, vision issues, intense headaches, sleep attacks, seizures, painful spasms, speech issues, body and verbal tics, full body pain, heart issues and many other symptoms. This disorder is completely disabling, as I am about 90% bed ridden. I use a cane and a wheelchair to get around. I am a patient on the TDP program. Because of this program I was able to get help with shower/bathtub rails in my home to feel safer while bathing. I was able to get a wheelchair that fit my body better, so I can feel more comfortable on outtings. The TDPP also helped me get in contact with the housing program to fill out paperwork for the housing voucher program. A program i never knew i would even qualify for...This allows me to stay in my home with my caregiver and my family, instead of having to move to a facility. Being disabled and having very little income is a huge stressor in my life. The TDP program has helped me in so many ways and I truly feel this program is necessary for people like me and others who struggle with chronic illness, pain, and disability. This program has helped improve my quality of life as well as many others who struggle. I can't imagine not having the TDP program and many other programs like it. Especially, since there are so many that depend on it and benefit from it. We don't choose to be sick and disabled. Our life is stripped of a lot of joy, freedom, and options. Programs like the TDPP help us cope, struggle less, and get back to enjoying life a little bit more. On behalf of everyone struggling like i have, please save the TDPP. Thank you.

Sincerely, Amber Rae Roberson-Kitzman. (701) 870-0001

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to DeeDee Nagel and the team at Dakota Center for Independent Living for the incredible support they have provided for our family. Before we found this program, my husband's mobility was extremely limited, and his quality of life suffered greatly. The Transition Diversion Pilot Project has truly been a transformative resource for us, offering solutions that we could not have accessed on our own.

The mobile scooter and vehicle ramp they provided have given my husband the ability to regain his mobility and independence. For the first time in years, he can enjoy the outdoors, reconnect with the world, and experience small but deeply meaningful moments that bring joy to his life. Additionally, the standing assist equipment they provided has significantly improved his daily routine, making everyday tasks less burdensome. What truly sets the Transition Diversion Pilot Program apart is the speed, efficiency, and care with which they deliver their services. The process of receiving life-changing equipment was quick and seamless, alleviating the stress and anxiety that so often accompany these challenges. For families like ours, who are unable to secure assistance elsewhere, this program is nothing short of essential.

The value of the Transition Diversion Pilot Program extends far beyond the equipment they provide. They empower individuals with disabilities to reclaim a sense of dignity and independence, while also lifting the emotional and financial burdens faced by their families. Their work has a ripple effect that improves not just individual lives but entire communities.

For these reasons, we strongly believe that this program must continue. The Transition/Diversion Pilot Program—it is a vital support system for families in need, and its impact cannot be overstated. Programs like this fill a critical gap, offering hope and assistance to those who would otherwise be left without options. We urge you to recognize the indispensable role it plays and ensure that it remains available for the countless families who rely on it.

The Saul Family (701) 202-4080 Independent Living has always helped me out from the washrags to the dishrack, they have stuck beside me as in always keeping in touch with me, they have always called me and checked on me.

They showed up and helped me move into my apartment. They have bought me utensils, pots and pans, broom and basic household needs. They have helped me more than anybody could. If anything keep the funding going, and they help other people who need help.

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