2023 SECOND QUARTER

Donation Amount: \$3257.00

Step children often find themselves in second place in their new family. This was the case for Sultna, pictured above, following her mother's death. Her situation worsened when, after a late diagnosis, her father died suddenly of HIV. When she too was found to be HIV positive, her step mother's rejection worsened and she had to move again. It was a bewildering and frightening time. She became isolated, depressed and uncommunicative.

CINI's reputation for helping such families is widespread. The HIV services asked the CINI team to visit her home. Following months of gentle coaxing Sultna joined the support sessions and Life Skills training.

Sultna has found a new freedom. Having the skills to make jewelry has changed everything. She is proud of herself and knows she is on the path to supporting herself. She is now taking her HIV medication and is able to share her story with others.

Modus is supporting Life Skills training for 12 adolescents from similar circumstances. Their confidence and capacity grows each month as they moved towards their independence.



