



*Impacting Youth, Strengthening Families, Building Community
A Ministry of Radius Church Dubuque, IA*

Dream Center Success Story – Lauren Jones



Jayden (left), Lauren (middle), Jaysen (right)

Lauren and her two young boys have been a part of the Dream Center community since Fall 2017. She needed a support system for not only her children, but for herself. “Being a full time student is not easy, I have come to the Dream Center just to talk with someone and vent. It makes me feel like I am not alone.” The Dream Center provides a safe and welcoming environment to all families served.

Jayden, 3rd grader, was reading below reading grade level and was struggling to take ownership of his behavior in the classroom. Since attending the Dream Center he has increased his MAP reading score by 16 points! His Reading FAST score has also improved, moving from being at “some risk” to “low risk” according to the Dubuque Community School District. “He used to say he does not like math and now he takes tests at school and is proud of his success,” says Lauren.

Jaysen, 1st grader, used to struggle behaviorally, on a weekly basis, but he has now started gradually maturing. His mother believes that this is due to the mentoring he is receiving at the Dream Center. “Jaysen has his school connectors that have been positive male role models.” They encourage the boys and help them resolve conflict from a male’s perspective instead of them hearing it only from me.”

