## Skills Enhancement Program Removes Barriers To Completing Degree

Harley was working a part-time job and struggling to support her sister and her daughter. She knew she needed to obtain more education and training to support herself and her family and spend more time with them. With limited time and a difficult financial situation, the barriers to receiving her degree seemed impossible. Having heard about the Skills Enhancement Program at Couleecap, Harley decided to apply. She was enrolled and able to get the extra financial support she needed to cover tuition deposits and expenses for materials, which also allowed her to give her classes the attention they needed.

Harley was able to graduate from Viterbo University with a degree in Social Work in May of 2020. Shortly after, she received a job at Mulders Health Care that increased her income by nearly 150\%. Harley tells us that, "Without the Skills Enhancement Program, I wouldn't have been able to continue my education in the social work program at Viterbo University. I am thankful for the program because, without it, I do not think I would have made it to graduation. I find myself having more time with my daughter and my sister, which is something I have always wished for."

Couleecap programs, such as our Skills Enhancement program serve thousands of people in the Coulee Region each year. These programs are possible because of the generous financial support we receive.

