



## CHLOE & LUKE

**Background:** Chloe has always felt unloved. Growing up, her mother was never there for her, and she didn't know who her father was. So many times, her mother tried to drop her off with other family members, but they either weren't stable enough to take her in, or were not willing to do so.

Chloe's boyfriend, Luke, had almost the mirror image of Chloe's life. The two bonded in high school, and felt like they were meant for each other.

At 18, Chloe and Luke fled their homes and hit the road, envisioning it as a big romantic adventure. But the truth was, they struggled more each day, teetering on the edge of homelessness.

**Help from Waypoint:** The two of them came to Waypoint's Youth Resource Center to take showers, get food, clothes, and use the computers a bit, but otherwise, they wandered aimlessly. It took them a while to realize that *that* was not a sustainable option. So, we worked with them to connect with extended family where they could live for a while to get their foundational footing, work on finding jobs, and then start mapping out their plans for the future.

**Where to from here:** Between two minimum wage jobs, Chloe and Luke put small amounts of money away every week, saving up for their own apartment. They still came to our center for guidance and reassurance, and we were happy to be a stop *along the way*. They were dedicated to each other and their future, motivated by the need to overcome their difficult past, and the mutual desire to no longer be unloved, or unhoused.