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FOCUS AREA: FINANCIAL STABILITY

FOOD, BASIC NEEDS AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

Think back to when you were 13 years old. Can you imagine being 13 and out in the world on your own?

Tammy was. At 13, she became an emancipated minor. She was smart and grew to be self-reliant, and learned how to fight and be resourceful for what she needed to survive. Of course, as she focused on survival, some things fell by the wayside. Finishing high school didn't happen for Tammy.

In 2014, Tammy was living in Maryland with her two children. She was hospitalized, then diagnosed with meningitis. Six months after her initial treatment she was re-hospitalized. Her condition deteriorated and, following a spinal tap, she was temporarily paralyzed. For the next 11 months, Tammy was incapacitated.

She couldn't walk, shower, eat or hold a conversation. At times, the pain was so severe it felt like she was being hit in the head with a sledgehammer. Her mother and sister moved into to care for her and her children. Only after months of therapies did Tammy re-gain her ability to communicate, walk, and care for herself and her children.

Seeking more affordable housing, Tammy moved to Hanover. Still, she struggled to make ends meet, working in retail and relying on friends and family for help. **Tammy was ready to change her life, provide for her children on her own, and become self-sufficient.**

Tammy heard about the Certified Nurse Aide Program at New Hope Ministries and was excited to learn she could get her GED through a program provided by New Hope Workforce Development and in partnership with York County Literacy Council. After taking the pre-requisite Soft Skills and Financial Literacy classes, Tammy tested for and was accepted into the CNA class and received a grant to attend. She completed the first part of the course at New Hope, passed the test and completed the rest of the course and her clinicals with New Hope partner Harrisburg Area Community College.

Tammy is now employed full-time in Home Health Care and is enrolled college courses to graduate as an RN.

From that 13-year-old, emancipated girl, Tammy has become a woman who overcame her many challenges, a stronger mother, and a student on her way to achieving her dream of caring for others as an RN.

Thank you for your support of the United Way of York County Community Fund, which supports programs like these that are making real change happen for Tammy and thousands like her in York County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

