



DETERMINATION AND STRENGTH

Cheryl is a single mom of seven and a Pathway of Hope participant. The Pathway of Hope initiative was launched by United Way Community Partner, The Salvation Army, to provide targeted services to families who want to break the generational cycle of crisis and enable a path out of poverty. In July 2019, in a stressful situation, she found the strength to move her family from Florida to Dalton with only \$20 in her pocket. After settling in, this determined mom put herself through school to become a Certified Medical Assistant and is currently in a Nursing Program.

Cheryl moved into a larger apartment to better accommodate her family. With prices rising due to inflation, the rent had increased out of her budget, and she faced eviction. Cheryl and her family joined the Pathway of Hope Initiative in July 2022 after a referral from the Lead Social Worker of Dalton Public Schools. The need for affordable housing was her top priority. She was referred to the Dalton Whitfield Community Development Corporation and moved into transitional housing.

Transitioning into permanent housing was Cheryl's final goal. United Way partnered with the Dalton Housing Authority to fully renovate a triplex housing unit for up to 18 residents. In December 2022, Cheryl applied and was approved to transition into a newly renovated 3-bedroom apartment at Dalton Housing Authority with renovations funded by the United Way of Northwest Georgia. Cheryl is a fantastic mom, strong and determined to tackle every barrier against her family's stability. Every goal she set, she successfully achieved. Thanks to you, local individuals and families can attain safe and stable housing.

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