

DETERMINATION AND STRENGTH



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Your gift helps build pathways to economic stability in Whitfield and Murray counties. 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, Cheryl found the strength to move her family from Florida. After securing a job and an apartment for her family, she moved to Dalton. She arrived with only \$20.00 in her pocket. After settling in, this determined mom put herself through school to become a Certified Medical Assistant. 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. Another goal for Cheryl was to secure better employment with family-friendly hours. She accepted a day-shift job with a pay raise at a hospital and soon set a goal to improve her education. Cheryl applied and was accepted into a Nursing Program in 2022.

In 2022, United Way partnered with the Dalton Housing Authority to fully renovate a triplex housing unit for up to 18 residents. Transitioning into permanent housing was Cheryl's final goal. 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. With your support, United Way can continue rehabilitating additional housing units to expand affordable housing and help more hard-working families find economic stability.

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54,784

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