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A STORY OF DETERMINATION

ELISAMA

Growing up in Venezuela, Elisama quickly found her calling while volunteering at her local church. Seeing peoples' gratitude through their smiles helped her realize that she wanted to pursue a career in dentistry.

However, achieving this dream in Venezuela was not feasible. When Elisama was 18, she and her family moved to San Antonio in hopes of a better life.

Elisama being goal-oriented, had a game plan - learn English, earn her GED, enroll in college to pursue her dentistry career.

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> *Goodwill opened the door of possibilities for me. My education coach believed in me, believed in my dream, and helped me achieve my dream.*

"I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE GOODWILL BY MY SIDE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IN MY EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY. I DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD BE WHERE I AM TODAY, IF IT WASN'T FOR GOODWILL."

After earning her GED and completing a basic English as a Second Language (ESL) course, Elisama quickly realized to be successful in college, she would need additional ESL training.

Elisama was referred to the NXT Level Youth Opportunity Center, which provides resources to individuals 16-24 years old , to assist them in achieving their educational and career goals. She met with the Goodwill Education/Career Coach to develop her career plan.

Elisama's coach helped her navigate the college application process and secure financial assistance for both her ESL class and dental assistant program at San Antonio College.

With Goodwill's support, Elisama is living her dream working at UT Health San Antonio and is destined to becoming a dental hygienist.

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