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A STORY OF PERSEVERANCE

MELINDA

Seeking a fresh start from a difficult family situation, Melinda and her son moved to San Antonio. Upon arriving, Melinda saw a Goodwill sign and knew of Goodwill's reputation of helping people find employment.

Melinda immediately applied for a job at her neighborhood Goodwill and was hired as a production associate.

Although she had a new job and was living with her son, the separation from her family triggered depression.

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“GOODWILL GAVE ME THE STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OPEN UP AND ENGAGE WITH MY PEERS.”

Melinda began meeting with the Goodwill life skills coach, first to help address work-related concerns, but as she built trust with the life skills coach, Melinda opened up about her depression.

Melinda’s son moved away, and she was now alone. Additionally, Melinda injured her back and was temporarily transferred to the E-Commerce team, where she was able to work while recovering. She loved the job and approached her manager to seek a more permanent position. Melinda was hired to be a photographer for E-Commerce.

Melinda’s life skills coach continued to support her and provided resources, including teletherapy sessions to help her address her depression.

Melinda started engaging more with her team and quickly built a circle of friends. She finally had the support system she needed and deserved.

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