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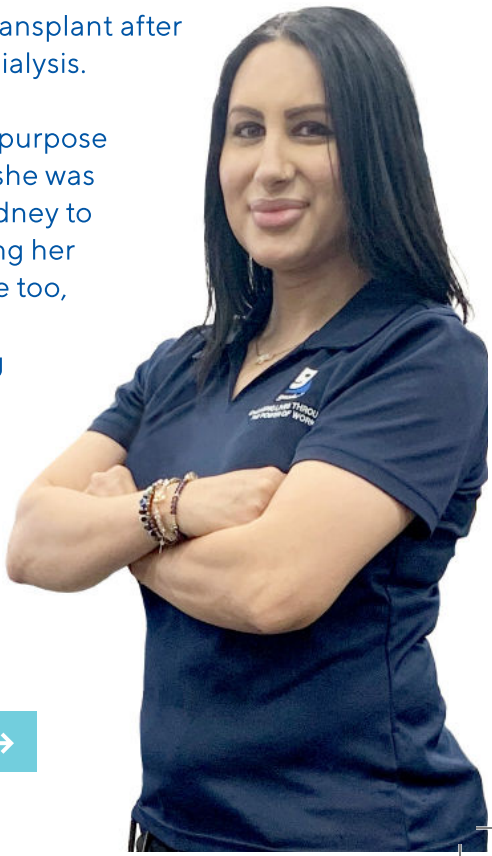
STORY OF OPPORTUNITY

SIERRA

The years following high school were dark and challenging for Sierra. Drugs steered her down a troubled road, eventually leading her to hit rock bottom. Sierra moved home to get clean only to learn her mom needed a kidney transplant after years of being on dialysis.

Sierra realized her purpose when she learned she was able to donate a kidney to her mother. In giving her mom a new life, she too, gave herself a new life. Yet, something remained missing.

Sierra desired to get back into the workforce, but was challenged to find employment.



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“I APPLIED EVERYWHERE, BUT WHEN YOU HAVEN’T WORKED FOR A LONG TIME, NO ONE WANTS TO HIRE YOU.”

Unfulfilled working part-time, Sierra applied at Goodwill and was hired as a cashier. With encouragement from her life coaches and supervisors, she developed into a leader. Sierra quickly advanced into retail management positions, motivating teams comprised of people who were also overcoming obstacles.

Three years later, Sierra is a manager of a Goodwill Store. Stable employment has provided Sierra and her husband the means to purchase their first home, obtain reliable transportation, and have the security of retirement benefits.

Work has given Sierra more than a paycheck. Proud of the accomplishments she never thought possible, Sierra serves as a role model for anyone who has lost hope.

“Goodwill means to me the opportunity to change your life for the better.”

Read Sierra’s entire story at
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