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A Note From Latesha...

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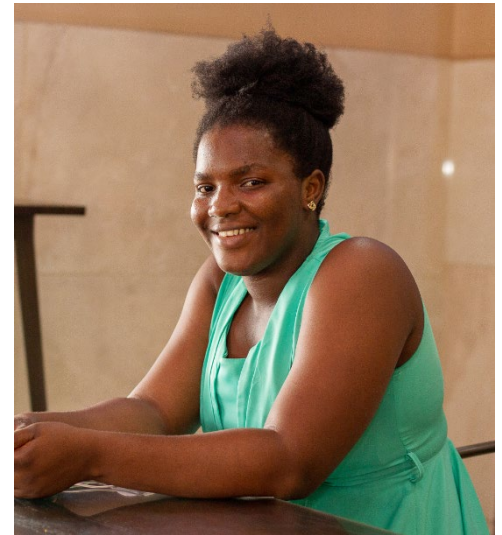
-Latesha

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Dear TIS Supporters,

My name is Latesha*, and I am a guest at Talbot Interfaith Shelter.

I started out living at Evelyn’s Place and am now in the Transitional Housing program. TIS was recommended to me through the housing authority. We were being asked to leave our current residence, and I had a choice to try to find something on my own or stay with my mom, but I chose to come to TIS so I could better myself. I was glad that they had rules and structure because sometimes, when we live on our own, we don’t really have structure in our lives. We kind of go about our lives, just winging it, but the structure definitely helped me.



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I love the classes. One of my favorite classes was Money Management, because saving is something I struggled with. Learning the different tools to help me learn how to save, and also being accountable to turn in my bank statements – that definitely pushed me and motivated me more to want to save.

Now that I’m in the TIS apartments, I still come back for the TIS Core Values class with DeWayne (Evelyn’s Place Case Manager). It helps you to reflect on daily life. Sometimes, it’s a refresher and reminds me of things I already know, but a lot of times, he talks about new topics, and I’m grateful because I’m learning.

I'm grateful for my apartment because this is probably the 2nd place I've had on my own, and this time, I feel like I'm doing it by myself and I'm becoming more responsible. I put my priorities first and make sure my bills are paid. The apartment was furnished when I moved in, and I was very thankful for that, too, because I didn't have anything. It's very cozy and comfortable.

Even though I'm in the apartments, TIS is absolutely still supporting me. My case manager comes and checks on me once a month. She brings lots of information, and different resources for me to utilize. If I need anything, she's just a text or a call away, or I can stop by the shelter and get what I need. I'm able to come back for dinner if I want. I drop in whenever I feel like I want to share a meal and spend time with the friends that I've made here.

I'm moving into a two bedroom soon because my son is moving in with me. We have been apart for about a year. He's moving from Queen Anne's County, so he is kind of nervous about it. But he has family here, and we will be together again, so I think everything will turn out ok.

When I move from TIS completely, I plan to find a stable home, whether it be an apartment or a house. My long-term goal is to buy a house. I think that I've definitely grown in a lot of areas. I went from not paying anything to having rent, becoming more responsible, and learning how to save. One big change is that now I open up and don't isolate when things are going bad. Normally, I would just want to be by myself, but now, I'll come to the shelter and talk to someone. That has made a big difference.

I would just like to say thank you to all of the donors and people who make TIS possible. Please continue to donate because there are others out there that need the support of TIS. Without you, it's not possible.

Thank you,

Latesha