

Nibialicia

Nibialicia joined Hope House in July of 2022 and quickly started working on her GED; she was enrolled in our partnership with Jefferson Academy (JA). She came in weekly and studied hard. While she was working on her GED, she was also meeting with other Hope House staff members to work on other things. She worked with our College & Career Coordinator to get a resume put together and talk about her future once she graduated. She worked with our Early Learning team to find child care that was a good fit for her children so she would be able to work and go to college. Once she found a child care center, she worked with our Economic Navigator to get CCCAP into place. Nibialicia was busy working towards self-sufficiency every time she came to Hope House. We are proud to share that she graduated with her GED in October and walked in our November graduation with other Hope House moms. She is currently working full-time as a technician at America's Best and will be heading into college. Her kids are doing well in child care and thriving. Nibialicia utilized funding received through JA to pay for her GED tests and to get Uber rides to and from our Resource Center until she was able to get her driver license. She is so grateful for the help she received that allowed her to get where she is today. We are super proud of her and all she has accomplished!



Odessa M.



The per pupil funding provided through Jeffco Public Schools and our partnership with JA, has had a significant impact on the life of our teen mom, Odessa, who lost everything in an apartment fire. Despite the devastating loss, this funding has allowed her to focus on her education without the added burden of worrying about financial costs that come with the GED. With the loss of her license in the fire and a lack of access to transportation, Odessa would not be in as frequently to work on her education if it were not for Jefferson Academy. By being able to physically get to Hope House, she is not only able to work on school but has also been able to use the rest of our resources, such as the boutique for clothes shopping for her and her three children; working with our Economic Navigator to get new copies of vital documents that were lost in the fire; and even being able to work one-on-one to get her taxes done! Thanks to the JA partnership, she is now only one test away from achieving her GED, marking a significant achievement in her life!

Angel T.

Our partnership with JA has played a huge role in Angel's life. She is currently completing Penn Foster Online High School while managing the responsibilities of caring for a child while also pregnant. The per pupil funds Hope House receives provide financial support that enables Angel to continue her education and pursue a brighter future for herself and her family.

Teen moms face numerous challenges in completing their education, including financial constraints, lack of childcare and societal stigma. Our partnership addresses some of these challenges by providing financial assistance that covers the cost of tuition, textbooks and other educational expenses. This support reduces the financial stress that can interfere with academic performance and enables the teen mom to focus on her studies. Moreover, the flexibility of the Penn Foster Online High School program has allowed Angel to work at her own pace, which is essential when caring for a child and managing a pregnancy. She can complete coursework and assignments when it is convenient for her, without sacrificing time with her child or compromising her health during pregnancy.

The funding has allowed Hope House to provide a supportive community that encourages and empowers teen moms to succeed. This community offers advice and resources that help our teen moms, like Angel, navigate the challenges of being a parent and a student simultaneously. With a supportive network surrounding her, Angel can feel less isolated and more confident in her ability to achieve her goals.

In summary, receiving per pupil funds through our partnership with JA is a life changing resource for a teen mom in our High School and GED Program. It provides financial support, flexibility and a supportive community, all of which are essential for these moms, and students like them, to continue their education and change the lives of multiple generations.

