

Spotlight on Success: Learning for Life

Recently, Caregiver's Choice received a wonderful e-mail from a mentee who is part of the "Learning for Life" mentoring program based in Hephzibah, Georgia.



Hello, my name is Latoya. I am 17 years of age, and I was blessed to be in a mentoring program. My dad has been in prison basically all of my life, and my mother has been doing the best she can to raise her five children. She has done a wonderful job, but sometimes it gets hard, and being a part of the "Learning for Life" program has really changed my life. I connected with each of the mentors in a special way, but I had a really close bond with my personal mentor Gloria Myles. She has helped me in so many ways that it is hard to explain. I feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful, loving, caring and outgoing person in my life.

When I first joined the program I was a very shy and quiet person. I had just moved to Augusta, and I wasn't at a very happy point in my life. But as I kept going to the sessions and having my one-on-ones with Gloria Myles, I began to open up more. I started to blossom and look at life with a whole new perspective. I know that without mentor Gloria none of this change would have been possible. She stepped in as another parent. I am just so grateful for her. She taught me so much and brought so much out of me that I never imagined was inside of me. She is truly a woman of God, and she has helped me change and grow.

Being in the mentoring program also taught me several skills. One main skill that stuck with me was leadership. I feel like I can go out and teach some of my peers what was taught to me and try to lead them in the right direction. I wish that there were more people like my mentor Gloria in the world today. It would definitely make the world a better place. I would just like to say thank you to all the mentors for taking the time out to touch a child's life. I would like to give a special thanks to my mentor Gloria Myles — you have helped me in more ways than you will ever know.