

BRITTANY — Talent & Growth Fund

Brittany, a devoted mother of three children under the age of six, is the sole provider for her family of five. Her husband is unable to work due to a disability and receives Supplemental Security Income, placing the full financial responsibility on Brittany's shoulders. For the past nine years, she has worked diligently in a production role at Big Rapids Products, earning \$16.50 an hour, plus a \$1 per hour shift premium.

When Brittany's only vehicle broke down, the repair costs far exceeded the value of the car. Living paycheck to paycheck, she and her family couldn't afford to fix it or purchase a new one without facing significant financial strain. With no reliable transportation, Brittany risked losing her job — the family's sole source of income.

In need of support, Brittany reached out to Michigan Works! West Central in Big Rapids. Thanks to assistance from the Talent and Growth Fund, the team was able to help her purchase a



dependable replacement vehicle.

Now, with reliable transportation and no car payment, Brittany can continue commuting to work and supporting her family. This vital sup-

port has helped her maintain employment, preserve financial stability and provide her family with the security and hope they need for the future.