

## CRISTELIA — Talent & Growth Fund

Cristelia began her career at Peterson Farms working in data entry, where she quickly built strong organizational and technical skills that helped her thrive in the role. Her dedication, reliability and eagerness to learn were evident from the start, but Cristelia's aspirations reached far beyond her entry-level position. She had her sights set on building a brighter future, and she was determined to keep moving forward.

Taking a major step toward her long-term goals, Cristelia enrolled at Grand Valley State University. Balancing her full-time job while pursuing higher education, she continues to demonstrate perseverance, discipline and an unwavering commitment to personal and professional growth.

During this time, Cristelia also achieved another milestone—purchasing her very first car. With support from Michigan Works! West Central's Talent & Growth Fund covering the vehicle purchase, insurance, registration and title transfer, she secured reliable transportation. Having dependable transportation ensures Cristelia can continue working at Peterson Farms while also attending classes at GVSU.



Cristelia's story is a true testament to what is possible through hard work, determination and support.

We are proud to celebrate her

achievements and are excited to watch her journey unfold as she continues building a successful and fulfilling future.