

## LEIGH — Talent & Growth Fund

When Leigh first connected with Michigan Works! West Central, she was facing a serious barrier that put her job security at risk: reliable transportation.

Her car had broken down unexpectedly, and after taking it to a mechanic, she learned the cost of repairs far outweighed the value of the vehicle. This left her without a reliable way to get to her job at Medallion Management. For weeks, Leigh had to depend heavily on friends and family for rides, which was not only stressful but also unsustainable.

Determined not to lose the job she worked hard to earn, Leigh reached out for support. Working closely with one of the dedicated Talent Specialists at Michigan Works! West Central, she was introduced to the Talent & Growth Fund. This program provides funding to help individuals overcome barriers to employment, such as transportation.

With guidance and persistence, Leigh was able to purchase a dependable Nissan for under \$5,000, with the Talent & Growth Fund covering critical expenses to make the purchase possible.



Today, Leigh has the reliable transportation she needs to commute confidently, maintain her job and regain her independence. With this newfound stability, she is not only secure in her current role, but also optimis-

tic about her future. Her story is a powerful example of how the Talent & Growth Fund helps hardworking individuals continue building brighter, more stable lives.