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## KS! Success Stories

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## RICKI — PATH

Ricki, a single mother, has faced numerous challenges while trying to provide for her family. Despite setbacks, she never gave up on her goals and continued to push forward with determination. Having participated in the PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.) program multiple times, Ricki remained committed to improving her situation and building a better future for herself and her children.

With support from Michigan Works! West Central, Ricki began volunteering at Love INC, where she developed valuable workplace skills and gained confidence in a supportive environment. She stayed focused on her ultimate goal—securing stable, full-time employment.

Her opportunity came when she attended the Oceana Hiring Party, a local event connecting job seekers with employers. Ricki's positive atti-tude and enthusiasm stood out, lead-ing to an on-the-spot interview with Blarney Castle. Shortly after, she was offered a full-time position—marking a significant turning point in her journey.

Now employed, Ricki is setting her sights on the future. Her next personal goals include earning her



driver's license and purchasing a reliable vehicle to gain more independence and flexibility for herself and her family. Ricki's story is a powerful reminder that persistence, support, and self-belief can lead to lifechanging opportunities.