

Profiles of Hope



Cherie Lozaw's entire family is involved with Project Self-Sufficiency.

Cherie, the mother of two adult children, currently lives with her kids and her grandchildren. Cherie first became a Project Self-Sufficiency participant as a young mother. She was able to take classes at Sussex County Community College thanks to financial aid she received as a result of her participation at Project Self-Sufficiency. Through the agency, she received rental assistance enabling her to set up her own household. She received home visits when her children were young, and eventually enrolled them in the Little Sprouts Early Learning Center. Over the years, Cherie took financial management classes and updated her computer skills. She is particularly grateful for the course she took about automotive maintenance, which taught her how to change her car's oil, batteries and wiper blades. As her family grew, Cherie took advantage of the Season of Hope Toy Shop and other services.

Recently, Cherie unexpectedly lost her job. She was devastated, but turned immediately to Project Self-Sufficiency for guidance. She registered for the agency's Higher Opportunities for Women program, which allowed her to take aptitude tests, update her resume, and conduct a job search with the help of Career Center staff. She used the food pantry and receive clothing from the Working Women's Wardrobe. She is now employed at Family Partners of Morris & Sussex where she conducts outreach and schedules seminars, workshops, support groups and other events.

In the meantime, Cherie's daughter is now enrolled in Project Self-Sufficiency's home visitation program. Cherie is watching her grandchildren thrive as a result. "Project Self-Sufficiency offers a way to help you navigate where you should be. They have supported me. Whenever I fell, they were right there."

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