After discovering she was pregnant at the age of 18, Hayley dropped out of high school and joined an adult education class to pursue her GED®. Even though school had always been difficult for her, she knew that continuing to learn was the only way to make something of herself so that she could be an example to her daughter.

While studying and working hard in her program, Hayley’s daughter sadly passed away. Even through the pain of this loss, Hayley never gave up. She pushed through and two years later passed her GED® exam.

Today Hayley is 22, and because of her persistence as well as her partnership with our adult education programs, she is ready to graduate college on time with a degree in human services. She plans to become a social worker and give back to her community. She is also now the mother of a two-year-old, who will be able to look up to her mother’s amazing example of endurance and determination.