



## PROFILES OF HOPE

### *Giselle*

Giselle is a 22-year-old single mother, raising her three-year-old son on her own. To create a stable income for her family, she decided to pursue a career path in cosmetology and enrolled at McLennan Community College. Making only \$9.00 an hour at her current job, she was barely making ends meet and thankfully received a financial aid grant to pay for her enrollment. However, the aid did not cover her required school books, which was a \$318.00 expense.

Giselle is a Caritas client who receives monthly nutritious food for her and her son. She decided to reach out to Caritas Intensive Case Management to see if we could assist with her education expenses. Caritas was able to provide the \$318.00 Giselle needed to complete her semester funding. In addition, an intensive case manager worked with her on a financial budget for school and monthly expenses. The case manager also shared coping skills to help her manage the stresses of being a single working parent and attending school.

Giselle was able to successfully complete her first semester of school on May 6, 2021 and is now on a career path that will provide long-term stable income for her family. In addition to helping Giselle, Caritas provide her son with early childhood education toys to strengthen his learning skills and impact his cognitive development.