

## Community Services: 2020

Shannon, her husband and three children were living in inadequate housing. Her family was a recipient of a Habitat for Humanity home. Shannon faced becoming a single mom of three children and she enrolled her two youngest children into Head Start and Early Head Start. She worked full time to support herself and her children although she faced struggles and incurred debt.

Over the years Shannon also used TCC's free tax preparation program. Her children are now older, she is earning more money and worked tirelessly at paying down her debt. She will be completely debt free in May 2021 and she will have paid off her home four years early. Along with using her tax return money to pay down debt, Shannon saved 90% of her last tax return and now has six months of living expenses saved up. Shannon said, "having that money saved was such a relief as there was a very good chance I could have lost my job during the COVID-19 pandemic." But Shannon did not lose her job!

Going forward Shannon plans on continuing to live debt free and saving her next tax return for home repairs and updates. Shannon is thankful for the services provided by TCC.

