

Client Success Story: Rosa J.

***"I've
rebuilt my
life from
the ground
up and I
couldn't
have done
it without
Wheels of
Success."
- Rosa J.***



Shortly after Rosa J. relocated to the Tampa Bay area, she fell on tough times. A long-term relationship ended and she found herself caring for her three children alone and looking for work in a city where she was a stranger.

Trying to stay afloat, Rosa turned to Metropolitan Ministries, a Tampa nonprofit that helps local residents transition from hard times to self-sufficiency. It provided food, clothes and a place to stay while Rosa went to school, received a medical billing certification, and found a job and apartment.

Rosa's life was turning around, but she still didn't have a car, which made getting to work and caring for her children's needs all but impossible. She used her last \$500 to buy a clunker, which lasted only six months. Without a car, her job—and her family—were in jeopardy.

Rosa reached out to Metropolitan Ministries and it put her in touch with Wheels of Success. Soon she had a reliable car and she was able to take her children to doctor appointments, enroll in classes, and demonstrate her reliability to her employer.

Rosa was recently promoted and is finishing her paralegal degree. She has donated her original Wheels of Success vehicle back to the program after buying a newer vehicle through a Wheel of Success auto partner. Her old car is now helping another family from Metropolitan Ministries. Her experience exemplifies the Wheels of Success mission to help clients regain and sustain independence through a partnership of community support.



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