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RESIDENTIAL CARE & TREATMENT SERVICES

HANNAH'S STORY:

From the moment Hannah was born, she faced challenges no child should face. She had drugs in her tiny body, and her mom went to prison. For three years, Hannah was bounced between families—seven or eight of them! Eventually she was adopted, which should have been a good thing. Instead, she endured four years of physical and emotional abuse before she was removed from the home.

Once placed with a caring foster family, the effects of these traumas were painfully evident. She questioned her own self-worth and hurt herself. To keep her safe and help her heal, Hannah was placed in Allendale's care.

Hannah was nervous, but determined to learn to live independently. She worked her way through our Residential Treatment Program to the Transitional Living Program to the Independent Living Program, gaining skills and confidence. She credits Allendale's staff for helping her become more courageous and open.

"It's been a joy to watch Hannah come into her own," says Ron Howard, Senior VP of Residential Services.

Today, Hannah is working in retail and taking classes at an area community college. Her connection to her foster family has been maintained, but her goal was to become a self-sufficient young adult. She aspires to become a therapist and help troubled children.

"I've been there," she says. "And I can relate."

She encourages Allendale's students to stay focused on their goals. And she has a special goal of her own: to give her daughter, Milani, the childhood she never had, complete with books, blanket-forts, and love.

Our Residential Treatment Program

...gives kids a safe, clinically sound & structured world in which to heal & grow. Here, they find security in consistent routines & empowerment to set their own goals while learning to form healthy relationships.

To nurture residents' growing self-reliance, we offer graduated levels of supervision, including:

- **Round-the-clock treatment & care, provided in cottages at our Lake Villa, IL campus & our North Chicago, IL & Benet Lake, WI facilities.**
- **Community group home living in Highland Park & Waukegan, IL.**
- **Independent apartments are available, through our transitional & independent living supports for ages 17-21.**
- **Return-home after-care consultations and supports.**

In addition, each youth receives:

- **Consistent family support via routine clinical consultations.**
- **Individualized treatment, implemented by multi-disciplinary teams led by youth & families.**
- **Focus on graduation and vocational/career preparation, tailored to each youth's interests & strengths.**
- **Enriching, therapeutic recreational experiences.**
- **The opportunity to *just be a kid*—a new experience for all too many children.**

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Hannah, pictured to the left with her daughter and mentor, Ron Howard, Allendale's Senior VP of Residential Services.