



## **In Our Clients' Own Words**

*I first came to the Crittenton Women's Union as a homeless mother seeking a stable home for me and my son. I hadn't completed high school, but my goal was to become a nurse, so I joined the GED program at CWU. After getting the GED, I joined a workforce training program, entered into an internship at a major hospital, and then found a job as a medical technician. I will be starting nursing school next year! Crittenton Women's Union really helped me on my journey to reach my lifelong dream and become self-sufficient. (Joanna)*

*When I graduated from high school, I was eight months pregnant with my now three-month-old son, and I wasn't clear about my future. . Getting all the help and support from Healthy Families at Crittenton Women's Union is teaching me to be a good mother and has helped me to set goals for my life. Now I have a full scholarship to college and I want to become a nurse. I feel that this program is giving me a second chance; I am determined to provide a good life for my son!(Vena)*

*When I came to the Crittenton Women's Union for the Woman to Woman Program, I had already raised a son and a daughter on my own and had been in and out of a variety of low-wage jobs. While I had a lot of advocating experience for my son because of his medical problems, Woman to Woman helped me to see how I could advocate for myself. Now I am doing something I love, working as a community organizer in Boston. Thanks to the help of Crittenton Women's Union, I'm now self-sufficient! (Pamela)*

*After my baby daughter and I left my abusive boyfriend, we were in and out of many shelters before coming to the Horizons Housing Program at Crittenton Women's Union. CWU's program is certainly the most supportive we've been in, and it has connected me with training opportunities so I can find a good job. I would like to become a paralegal so that my daughter can look up to me as a successful role model. I know that without the help of CWU, that may have never been possible. (Jennifer)*