



ERIC'S STORY OF SUCCESS

“You have to look past hard times—take them as experience.”

Eric quickly came all the way through the ranks of Teen Living Programs. Just two years ago, he arrived at TLP’s Bronzeville Shelter for minors, fleeing an abusive father. A few months later, he moved into Belfort House, resumed his education at an alternative high school, and graduated with a B average. With the help of TLP staff, he found a job where he is still employed. After only nine months at Belfort, Eric had saved enough money to apply to CaSSA, TLP’s independent living program.

“TLP is the best thing that ever happened to me. They are like angels,” he says.

Now living on his own, his next goal is to become a licensed massage therapist. His words of advice to teens who are homeless or in unworkable home situations: “These hard times are temporary and will make you appreciate life so much more when it is good. Don’t let anyone get in the way of your dreams.”

