

## Ministry Spotlight

## Continuum of Care Aubrey's Story

Since its inception, Thornwell has been a partner to the local church and an important part of our ministry. We share the same heart—to love God and love others—and a long history of service to children and families.

Thornwell began in the heart of a young pastor in 1875, and they have continued the legacy of hope and healing ever since. Today, they are an interconnected community of experts, advocates, and caregivers who spend their lives committed to helping children and families in need through a family-centered continuum of care.

Their mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

In partnership with Thornwell, we are making a world of difference in the lives of children like Aubrey.

15-year-old Aubrey grew up in Foster Care. When she gave birth to her daughter, she moved into Thornwell's Teen Mom cottage for extra support and resources to pursue her education and learn how to be a loving mom. She has dreams of becoming a marine biologist one day, so she is actively involved in Thornwell's tutoring and Read Right programs. While she's at school or participating in tutoring, Thornwell's Child Development Center offers her free childcare—a blessing that gives her the freedom to learn and grow in a way that she might not have had otherwise.

Through hard work and the educational support she's received at Thornwell, she's raised her grades significantly and gained 2.2 years in her reading level, all while making time to learn how to be a mother!

Aubrey is making a bright future for herself, and she knows she doesn't have to do it alone. She knows the Thornwell family is beside her and can support her at any stage of life. Thornwell's unique continuum of care ensures that Aubrey will have access to the Transitional Living program once she ages out of foster care and Building Families or Strengthening Families for further training and support onceshe and her daughter are on their own.

As we work together with Thornwell, we can serve many more children and families like Aubrey. << Insert your church's specific call to action to support partnership with Thornwell (I.e. financial contributions, in-kind donations, or volunteering/service.>>

Thank you for your compassionate hearts, steadfast support, and constant prayers for Thornwell and the children and families we, together, serve. We couldn't do it without you!