

Ministry Spotlight

Independent Living Program Jess' Story

Since its inception, Thornwell has been a partner to the local church and 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 Jess.

19-year-old Jess grew up in Foster Care. She struggled to focus on her academics because of the constant change and turmoil, but she was determined not to fall behind. Despite all of the odds against her, she not only kept up with school, she graduated high school early! Your commitment to provide children with the support and educational enrichment they need to thrive is what gave Jess this chance.

After graduation, she transitioned into Thornwell's Independent Living Program and began classes at the local technical college. She is interested in Criminal Justice and has started taking classes and working towards her goal. One day, she hopes to work with other teens in the Department of Juvenile Justice system and share her story in the hope that they can learn from her life lessons. She's turned her pain into a purpose, and she is using her past to help others. What an incredible transformation!

As we work together with Thornwell, we can serve many more children and families like Jess. << 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!