



Founder and President
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- ▶ **Our Mission:** To guide and empower our most vulnerable young adults to a life of independence and economic security.
- ▶ **Our Vision:** To provide opportunities that improve the outcomes for the lives of at-risk youth in our communities.
- ▶ **Our Goals:** To increase positive outcomes and reduce generational poverty for at-risk youth transitioning to adulthood and independence.



Rose
Highlighted Youth



We first met Rose in 2019. A demure 19-year-old girl timidly inquired about the driver's education program. During our conversation, Rose talked about her life and aspirations. She loves to work with children and was looking for employment. We learned that Rose suffered a stroke at age 14 and was placed in foster care while her mother worked diligently to secure home and finance. Rose required a clinical evaluation before getting her driver's license due to physical challenges.

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February is Black History Month

Turning Point was able to assist by covering the cost of her drug and alcohol course, located a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist, and negotiated the price of services on her behalf.

We lost contact with Rose until recently and learned that she was still unemployed but wanted nothing more than to earn her own money and be independent. We signed her up for the employment readiness and financial literacy classes. Rose found the help she needed with her interviewing skills and employment resources. We're happy to report that Rose found a job and is currently working at a catering company as a receptionist and loving it. She is also attending Sheridan Technical College with plans to complete her degree in early childhood education. Rose is blossoming into a confident, happy, and sassy young lady, now 22-years-old. When asked if the classes helped her, she responded by saying she learned a lot and felt more confident. Sometimes that's all it takes with some support. Rose sees a bright future ahead of her. She is saving for her first apartment and enjoying her newfound independence. In her spare time, she's learning how to cook her native Haitian dishes from her mom.

Her advice to other young people is, "never give up."



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Meet our new board member!



Jacqueline Gordon

Turning Point Transitional Services, Inc is pleased to announce the new addition to our board of directors. Meet Jacqueline Gordon. Jacqueline Gordon is a STEM pathway academic advisor at Broward College in Davie. Before joining Broward College, Jacqueline worked in several capacities within the career services field. She served as an assistant director of a career services office, a career advisor, an employer relations specialist, and an internship manager. Jacqueline also worked as an assistant director of admissions for Northwestern Kellogg School of Management and The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She credits her professional start to being a Peace Corps volunteer in the Cape Verde Islands, off the coast of West Africa. She spent two years working in the city hall on a pilot project called “Luta Contra Pobreza” (Fight Against Poverty), conducting needs assessments of the poorest neighborhoods.

Jacqueline holds a Master of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University and a Bachelor of Arts in English and Speech Pathology from the University of Urbana-Champaign.

Our team welcomes her with open arms and is excited about working with her.



Ways you can help

- Donate
- Become a board member
- Volunteer
- Offer a young adult an internship

*Thank you,
We couldn't do it without you!*

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