

## STORIES OF WOMEN IN BLOOM

### MICROLOAN GRANT RECIPIENTS... WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Every May, Emerge Mothers Academy awards a single mom with a MicroLoan Grant to start a new business or grow an existing business. Here are some of the success stories that you made possible with your support.



2015 Recipient

**Sarah**

Sarah, mom of three children, is an artist through and through. She used her MicroLoan Grant to create her professional design portfolio. Her illustrations have been licensed for use in children's books, on Minted, and Blue Mountain Arts. See her work at [Sarahillustrations.com](http://Sarahillustrations.com).



2018 Recipient

**Constance**

Constance, mom of two children, invested her MicroLoan Grant to scale up her successful medical billing and coding company, *Total Healthcare Billing*. Constance has grown her company and now employs three additional women. Learn more at [totalhealthcarebilling.com](http://totalhealthcarebilling.com)



2019 Recipient

**Deanna**

Deanna, mom of one child, turned her jewelry making hobby into a thriving business, *Deo est Jewelry*, which she sells on her website [Fullabundance.org](http://Fullabundance.org). In addition, Deanna is mentoring survivors of sex-trafficking and will speak in favor of a bill aimed at protecting sex-trafficking survivors in Washington, D.C. in the fall of 2020.

# YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES

ONE MOM AT A TIME

Leah\* is newly single, a mother of three and was seeking a job. After years of being financially dependent on her partner, she needed to gain financial independence in order to build a better life for herself and her children.

Leah joined the Emerge Mothers Academy Work Preparation program.

After just three weeks of coaching, Leah landed a new full-time job. Leah went from no income to an annual salary of \$45,000 plus benefits. On top of that, Emerge Mothers Academy provided Leah with professional work outfits.

Leah participated in our Financial Literacy Class so she can successfully budget her new income. She also worked with our Financial Literacy instructor to sign up for her new 401(K) and select her investment options.

Leah is most excited to have a stable income and benefits, to be able to provide for her children, and to plan for her future.



## FROM RUN-AWAY... TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

At the age of 16, Laura\* ran away from her abusive childhood home in Chicago and made her way to Minnesota. Laura has spent several years overcoming the abuse and neglect she experienced as a child and is working hard to give her two-year old and newborn children a better life.

Emerge Mothers Academy is celebrating Laura's immense growth. Your support has helped Laura secure a job. She is earning enough to come off a government assistance program that she has long relied on to help make ends meet.

Thank you for standing alongside Laura and equipping her to build a better life for herself and her two young children!

## 3 WAYS TO HELP HER THRIVE

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(1) Join our special group of monthly givers, supporters who make a vital sustaining gift to help single mothers year-round.

(2) Sponsor a family photo shoot for a single mom and give her a custom-printed photo canvas.

(3) Equip a single mom to start or grow her business this May through our MicroLoan Grant program.