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My life hasn't always been easy. I never really had a childhood because I was taken from my mom and then moved from foster home to foster home. And because I'm older than my brother, I felt obligated to protect him from anyone and anything. Finally, after everything we had been through, I rebelled. I was depressed and I so angry! It seemed like the world had fallen on top of me and I couldn't take it anymore. Finally, we were taken to Eudora, Arkansas, where we were eventually adopted by Mabelle Warren.

Finally able to feel safe in a secure home, I could focus on school. I did my best in school but during high school I became pregnant with my son Tyler who is now three years of age. If I said I was protective of my brother, well, that's *nothing* compared to how I feel about my son. After having him, I was – and am – determined to give him more than I ever had growing up.

I knew raising a child would be hard, but **thank God for my Grandma!** She has been there since the beginning and helped me so much. I've always tried to work during school, especially during summer breaks, and now, with this scholarship, I'll be able to pursue my degree more efficiently. I'll be able to take care of my son on my own more independently and give him the kind of life that I never had. I love my son and I work hard to be a good mom. With the help of this scholarship, I'll soon have a degree that will allow me to give Tyler the life that he deserves. Thank you so much for helping me to become a **better person** and be a **better parent!**