

## REAL STORIES 2011



### **April's fresh start A new direction, a new life**

**“W**hen I came to PPL,” says April, a single mother of four, “I was lost and unsure of who I was or how far I could go. I was on welfare and I knew I needed a change in my life. I needed more for me and my kids.”

At **Project for Pride in Living (PPL)**, she found the help and resources she needed for her new direction. April worked with a PPL job counselor to help her set and attain her career goals. With hard work and dedication, she successfully completed her GED while managing the challenges of pregnancy and motherhood.

She then began a PPL employment training class specifically designed for training in the banking industry. Her can-do spirit was an example for other students and an inspiration to her instructors. When she completed the class, April received a job offer from a business partner.

April is continuing to bring changes to her life that will benefit her family. She realized that commuting to work by bus took valuable hours away from spending time with her family. So she used a PPL grant to attend a driver's education class and is working towards getting her driver's license. She continues to work with a PPL financial coach on budgeting, credit counseling, and savings planning to increase her financial stability.

“When I came to PPL, I was homeless, no diploma, no job,” April remembers. “Now I have my home, my GED, and a career! I can take care of my family now, and I know that this is not the end.”

### **Project for Pride in Living**

**Twin Cities LISC's total investment to date in PPL: \$4,281,627**

*Photo of April, courtesy of Project for Pride in Living.*