

## Client Success Story

Single 24-year-old mother of a 3-year-old daughter came to Community Ministry of North Augusta (CMONA) seeking assistance with food, clothing, and gas. During our interview process it was mentioned that she had recently graduated from Aiken Technical College and would start her new career as a Nursing Assistant in a month. She had been sleeping on a friends couch and hoped to be able to obtain housing once she started working. She was given clothing for herself and her daughter and enough food for eight (8) days and set up to receive weekly food for six (6) weeks. This client was also asked if she found suitable housing and required other assistance to return to the CMONA.

Six (6) weeks later the client returned to pick up her final weekly food allotment and was asked to update her personal and employment information. The client had started her new job at Aiken Regional Hospital and had saved up enough money for her deposit and first months rent but was unable to have her utilities connected. Based on this clients ability to show that she was working toward self-sufficiency, the Executive Director of CMONA paid the connection fees to turn on the electricity and water for this client. The client moved into her apartment later that week. The client was able to find suitable furnishings and kitchen and housewares in the CMONA Thrift Store at no cost. This client and her daughter are thriving and have attained the self sufficient life that she worked so hard to obtain.