

# EMPOWERING PEOPLE THROUGH EMPLOYMENT



## INSPIRING HOPE, CONFIDENCE, AND A CAREER

### Meet Destiny

When Destiny was born with Cerebral Palsy, her parents were told she would never be able to walk or talk. She had already defied those odds long before she came to Tommy Nobis Center in the fall of 2018.

Destiny has an outgoing personality and an amazing attitude. She says of her journey, "I am conquering one thing at a time. As long as I can believe it, I can do it!" Destiny aspired to be an entrepreneur, own her own business, and pursue her love of writing poetry. And yet, her physical limitations and difficulty communicating made it challenging for her to find her first job.

### Finding Support

Tommy Nobis Center staff worked with Destiny to help her find her path to employment. Destiny's determination to succeed drove her to learn and grow at TNC. Her work skills were evaluated, and she received on-the-job training. She also participated in personal/social skills and job readiness classes. With her resume polished and refined, she headed out with her TNC Employment Specialist to apply for jobs. It wasn't long before Destiny was hired by Kroger as a courtesy clerk.

### Gaining Independence

Destiny was thrilled to have a job where she gained valuable experience, a salary to boost her independence, and the admiration and respect of her co-workers and customers. Many of her co-workers considered her one of the best workers because of how much effort and hard work she put into her job.



In August 2019, Destiny started as a student at Chattahoochee Tech while continuing to work at Kroger. In 2021, Destiny was honored as the Tommy Nobis Rising Star for her amazing accomplishments.

### Achieving Success

Always looking to achieve the next milestone, Destiny pursued a position as a Criminal Justice Specialist for Cobb County Sheriff's Office and was hired in August 2022. This enabled her to move into her own apartment and buy a car. Then in December, she graduated from Chattahoochee Tech with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice.



**"It feels really great to have come this far when no one thought I could because of my disability."**

### Looking Toward the Future

Destiny loves her life of independence and accomplishment, but she is not content to slow down now. She plans to build on what she has achieved by continuing her education and working her way up to investigator or forensic analyst.

**"I will always be grateful to Tommy Nobis Center for believing in my abilities. They helped me gain the experience and knowledge that I needed. I took what I learned and worked hard to take the next steps toward my goals."**



Destiny's journey shows the endless possibilities that await people with disabilities when they are given the opportunity to excel and grow.

**Through the generosity of Tommy Nobis Center supporters, individuals like Destiny are given the tools and support they need to find career success.**

#### MISSION

Empowering People  
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#### VISION

Tommy Nobis Center envisions supportive communities where people with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to work.

#### VALUES

Mission-Driven,  
Accountability, Fun,  
Innovation, Integrity