



## 2018 Annual Summer Celebration



The Center Foundation (TCF) has been very busy this past year running our flagship mentoring programs, [WomenCare®](#) and the [Young Parents Support Network \(YPSN\)](#), while rolling out [TeenCare](#), our newest program for teen girls at-risk of not graduating high school.

### Summer Celebration & Success Stories

We recently hosted our annual Summer Celebration this July and are planning an important skills-based workshop for our matches in October, as well as our signature Holiday from the Heart Program in December. Read below to learn more about this year's annual Summer Celebration and match success stories!



On Saturday, July 14, 2018, we held our annual Summer Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation Day at Linvilla Orchards to recognize the many accomplishments of our graduating WomenCare partners and YPSN teen mentees, as well as their volunteer mentors. Facing daunting life circumstances, our partners and mentees worked with their mentors to set personal and professional goals to realize during the program year.

### Christine from Liberia

*A Success Story*

Christine, a single, working mother originally from Liberia, achieved ambitious goals for herself as a WomenCare partner, including learning effective parenting skills, taking the test to become a U.S. citizen, and securing an affordable apartment. Expressing her gratitude, Christine shared, "I appreciated my mentor Rebecca for being a perfect match for me and my son...for being there during those times when we needed her the most. During Christmas time, helping me find my own apartment where I felt comfortable. She was one in a million in this world."



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Through sheer determination and perseverance, all of our WomenCare partners and YPSN mentees can now boast significant life-changing achievements one year later, such as graduating from high school, college placement, full time employment, permanent housing, and more.

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### **Fredleca, A Teen Mother** *A Success Story*

*"She brightened my day when we were together, and her son was happy which I attribute to her love and support of him."  
-Maribeth, YPSN Mentor*

Defying dismal statistics for teen mothers, YPSN mentee Fredleca graduated from high school, found part-time work, and applied to college, all while raising her young son. Her mentor Maribeth reflected on their time together, "Fredleca was a delight to be around; her positive attitude and warm personality made this relationship a positive experience. I only hope that she knows she has a supportive friend for as long as she needs."

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With their children and families present, our mentees and mentors enjoyed a fun day at Linvilla complete with food, attractions, and camaraderie. This year's Summer Celebration was made possible thanks to the support of Beneficial Bank, DCIU Project ELECT, Walter and Jayne Garrison, Linvilla Orchards, Reformation Lutheran Church, Wawa, and Williamsburg Dental.



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