

# Client Spotlight



## Meet Scholarship Recipient, **SHELONDA** *Arroyo*

Sometimes in life, in order to get ahead, you need a helping hand. To have someone believe in you, your dreams, visions and goals can make all the difference in your life. The connection that I've made with the Women's Resource Center has created opportunities for me that are making a difference not only in my life but many others.

I am so grateful for the wonderful gift that I received in the form of a scholarship and I will certainly pay it forward. God has given me a servant's heart and my true passion for becoming a nurse is to help others. Through assistance from the Women's Resource Center, I have the ability to share my story with others, from hardships to triumph, and encourage others to never let their dreams die.

I passed my state board exam!!! I am officially a Licensed Practical Nurse next step Registered Nurse! Thank you again for this awesome opportunity!

### The Women's Resource Center Impact

In 2019, WRC awarded \$28,000.00 in scholarships to 28 recipients, 3 of whom live in South County. These recipients are female students who are pursuing a higher level of education to help reach realistic goals of employment, self-sufficiency, and advancement in the community.

### Some key facts about the Class of 2019 Scholarship Recipients

**64%** of recipients have dependent children living at home

**93%** are single, divorced or widowed

**89%** are below the living wage in our region

**61%** are seeking a degree in health care