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# SOCIAL WORK **BREAKS BARRIERS**

## **Empowering Youth and Breaking Down Barriers!**

As we conclude Social Work Month, we want to share a CBS 3 news segment that highlights Social Work Month and our LifeSet program. This story speaks to the resiliency of our gifted and determined youth and to the level of commitment and dedication of our Turning Points staff members, comprised mostly of social workers.

**The theme for Social Work Month 2023 is Social Work Breaks Barriers.**

Breaking barriers right here in Philadelphia are social workers, called “specialists” in the LifeSet program. Here the Director Lauren Willis, describes LifeSet as an individualized, evidence-based program that invites the participants to “reimagine what success looks like.”

**One of these "Specialists" was the turning point in the life of a young student aging out of foster care.**

Laniyah entered Foster Care when she was 14 years old. Fast forward to May 2022, she was referred to LifeSet where she met her LifeSet Specialist, Ivy, who immediately began breaking down barriers to help Laniyah succeed. Ivy was a great resource to Laniyah, from cheering her on to graduate high school, helping her think about her future, going on multiple colleges tours with her and assisting her in applying to her dream school, Lincoln University. Laniyah is now finishing up her first year at Lincoln as a nursing student **(Be sure to watch the brief 3-minute segment to hear directly from Laniyah and Ivy)!**

Social workers are tasked with challenging work and must wear many hats. Sometimes they are mentors, case workers, counselors, educators, and much more. Above all, social workers are change-makers and with YOUR continued support, we'll continue to change the lives of children, youth, and families for the better!

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Watch Laniyah and Ivy's story

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