



Success Stories – May 2019

- There have been 100 graduates of Getting Ahead! Many of the graduates have increased their resources including employment, education (GED and college credit), better housing, improved social situation, establishment of business and improvement of credit rating.
- A graduate began the Getting Ahead classes without a car, a job and no means to pay her bills. She had little support and felt alone. She is now employed full-time with benefits, has a car, lives in a better neighborhood and is exploring purchasing her first home.
- A graduate recently purchased her first home and accepted a career advancement. She reports that for the first time in her memory, she is fully supporting her family as a single mother and is past the Cliff Effect. This graduate also acts as a Getting Ahead facilitator.
- A graduate and her husband purchased their first home. Because of resources gained during the Getting Ahead process, the graduate was able to navigate a health crisis. She acts as a back-up Getting Ahead facilitator.
- A graduate is working for Allegany College of Maryland and is volunteering with in Adult Education.
- A graduate applied for and was awarded an administrative position at a local non-profit agency. This graduate has acted as a back-up facilitator for Getting Ahead.
- Two Getting Ahead graduates successfully graduated from Allegany College of Maryland in the human services program this month.
- A graduate completed an entrepreneurship class at the Department of Social Services and has plans to start a cosmetology business.
- A graduate started a small business making accessories for dogs.
- A graduate received an offer of full-time hours from her employer, has taken the financial literacy class at HRDC and established a savings account.
- Graduates have been employed at Closet Maid, Allegany College of Maryland, Archway Station, DSS, a local boutique, and Sav A Lot. Several other graduates are working with Way Station to obtain employment.
- A graduate, who was living at the Union Rescue Mission, bought a house and has plans to purchase a car.
- One family, living at the Union Rescue Mission, are both working and making plans to move into an apartment in Cumberland.
- One graduate, living at the Union Rescue Mission, received custody of their granddaughter and is looking for housing in Keyser.