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**Republicans Are The Party of Compassion**

**How Welfare Reform Helped  
Tanya From New Jersey**

In 1996, Republicans reformed welfare and lifted millions of Americans out of poverty. Even more compelling than the [statistics](#), however, are the stories of the individual Americans whose lives were turned around by Republican welfare reforms.

*Tanya, a 21-year-old mother of one, had been forced out of her home due to domestic violence and began living with her grandmother.*

*Tanya enrolled in the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program, and her case manager accessed Welfare-to-Work funds for her to attend computer programming classes. TANF childcare assistance and Medicaid enabled Tanya to complete her computer training. Through a TANF job search program, Tanya obtained employment as a graphics design technician.*

*Tanya continues to receive post-TANF childcare assistance and is now a candidate for promotion to a higher paying position. Tanya credits her TANF case manager for helping to get her life back on track.*

For 30 years, Democrats fought a losing War on Poverty. Thanks to a Republican Congress, America is finally winning that war.

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