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Meet Tabitha Pitchford

Tabitha Pitchford connected with Community Living in 2010 when she became their employee. In addition to her Developmental Services Worker designation, Tabitha had something more on her resume - she is a parent of a child with a visual impairment

"When parents say to me, "You just don't understand," I let them know that I actually do understand," says the mom of children aged 15, 12 and 8. "As a parent, you can get so overwhelmed at times with medical appointments, speech pathology and mobility issues - it can be overwhelming. I totally understand that and maybe I can help take some of those challenges away."

Tabitha says that her passion has always been developmental services, thanks in part to her parents who were so involved with the sector. As a family, they volunteered in supporting people with developmental disabilities and imparted those inclusive philosophies to their family. That experience led Tabitha to pursue developmental services as a career.

"I dreamed of working with people who needed support to have their voices heard," she says. "I knew I had the philosophy and foundation growing up, and after college, I had the textbook knowledge. Then I gained the personal experience as a parent."

People often remark to Tabitha that she must have so much patience for her job.

"I think that's the misconception of Community Living," she says. "We have tremendous support here and in the community and I am rewarded every single day in this job. Who can say that about their workplace?"

Tabitha explains that for each client of Community Living, every day is about achievement.

"Every person, every day it's about what I can help them achieve," she says. "And when they succeed or have the opportunity to try, it's so gratifying. They want to succeed more than the average person and they have to. To see that - I'm the one who is rewarded every day."

Tabitha has a combined personal and professional experience spanning 12 years, and she has an utmost respect and admiration for clients of Community Living. She knows the value of things that most people take for granted every day, and she has a level of gratitude for her life that most people rarely find.

Tabitha is Community Living.



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