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Transcript:

Governor Christie: It is an incredible, difficult moment when you are confronted with all the different challenges that you've been confronted with, and making sure that we have folks who can help you in every way work your way through it to protect your health, to protect the health of your child. To give promise for your future and for the future of your child is what this is all about and I want all of you to know that I think that your being here is extraordinarily brave and extraordinarily giving, first and foremost, to your child, and secondly though to you too. Something you're doing that's really, really great for yourself and the best person that you could possibly be only gives you an even better shot to be a good parent. Having four myself it's hard enough, right? They always make it challenging, they want to keep us on our game and when you have other challenges that are going along with that it just makes that job more difficult and it's the one job that we really don't want to mess us and so I love this place. I think that what happens here is an extraordinary gift to our state and to its people

Melissa: I'm an alcoholic and addict. So I basically struggled with mental health issues and addiction issues my entire life, since I was 13 years old. And I went through life struggling with this. It was hard to keep a job. When I had all through high school, when I had brought children into the situation it became extremely worse because it was not only effecting me now, it was effecting them as well. And I wasn't aware, I didn't know I was an addict and I didn't have that, the tools and things to be successful in life so, to make a long story short, I found the Center for Great Expectations when I had a five-year-old daughter and I had two adult children so at this point my life had basically come to an end. I've lost everything and I was just at a loss, I didn't know which way to go, so when I came here I think that one of the greatest things is that I was able to come with my child and so not only was that a benefit to her, mainly because she didn't have to be separated from her mother. For me, it was a benefit for me to see her. I can get the care that I needed

that I longed for for my whole life while also caring for my daughter so she could thrive, so she could grow and never have that feeling of separation to be taken from the system. It made all the difference.

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