



## JASMINE'S STORY

# GIVING BACK, PUSHING FORWARD



**Today, Jasmine is a case manager for St. Matthew's House.** Four years ago, she lived in our emergency housing before becoming a participant in the recovery program at Jill's Place. Like many of our graduates, she's come full circle, and now has the chance to make a difference in the lives of others.

"Being a case manager means I actually get to give back," Jasmine said. "I get to give women who are in the same position I was in what was so freely given to me."

Jasmine is also one of St. Matthew's House's most well-known ambassadors beyond our campus. A regular yoga practitioner, she spreads the good news about St. Matthew's House in studios across Naples. "When people ask about why I support St. Matthew's House, I tell them I went through the program," Jasmine said.

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*"I'm proof that this program actually saves people's lives. It saved mine."*

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As part of her long-term plan, Jasmine applied for a micro-grant last year to help her complete her yoga teacher training. Today, she is continuing her education and looking forward to her next steps.

"I'm a felon. I don't have a college education. To now have a stable job and a promising future is making a huge difference in my life. Our programs help so many find or relaunch fulfilling careers."