

# Tabatha's Story

Tabatha's remarkable journey is a testament to the incredible power of resilience and believing in young people.

Despite the challenges Tabatha faced as a young person experiencing homelessness, she refused to let her circumstances define her future.

Through paid employment, guidance, and support, she was able to acquire valuable skills and, more importantly, discover a new sense of purpose.



**“ I like coming here. I liked being able to communicate with everybody and build skills. It helped boost my confidence, and I definitely needed that!**

**Three sets of customers today, and (my trainer) was out the back, and I thought, “I have to take these orders” At the start of the program, I would have never thought I’d be able to do that. That’s one of the things I appreciate most.”**

Working closely with her trainers, Tabatha gained newfound confidence in herself and her abilities, which gave her the power to set ambitious goals for her future.

For Change Co.'s unwavering support and Tabatha's hard work and dedication have paid off. She has secured ongoing employment in the retail sector while she completes her VCE and has secured her own place to call home.

**“ I really love working with my trainers and learning from them. I’ll be pretty bummed out when I finish. I’m grateful my first working experience is here.”**

At her exit interview, Tabatha expressed her deep gratitude for the opportunity and its profound impact on her life. Her success is a powerful reminder that young people can overcome adversity and achieve their dreams with positive guidance and support.