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**ENDING POVERTY
IS POSSIBLE.**

OUR WORK

Catholic Charities Fort Worth (CCFW) is an enterprising nonprofit with a belief that ending poverty is possible. Our diverse services, poverty solutions, and income-generating social enterprises help tens of thousands in our 28 county diocese each year, most of whom are the working poor, some of whom are even Catholic. We strategically challenge the way poverty is addressed nationwide by scrupulously testing our own case management methods through research partnerships, exporting our known solutions to other non-profits, and serving as a resource for what works on Capitol Hill. We invite you to come and check out our nonprofit 2.0 approach.

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The Transformational Power of Research

Increasing Community College Completion Rates in Tarrant County and Across the Nation

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LET'S MEET

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80%

WALK THROUGH DOOR 1



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**You need a living wage
to end the cycle of
poverty**

**You can't get a living
wage job without a
skills-based education**

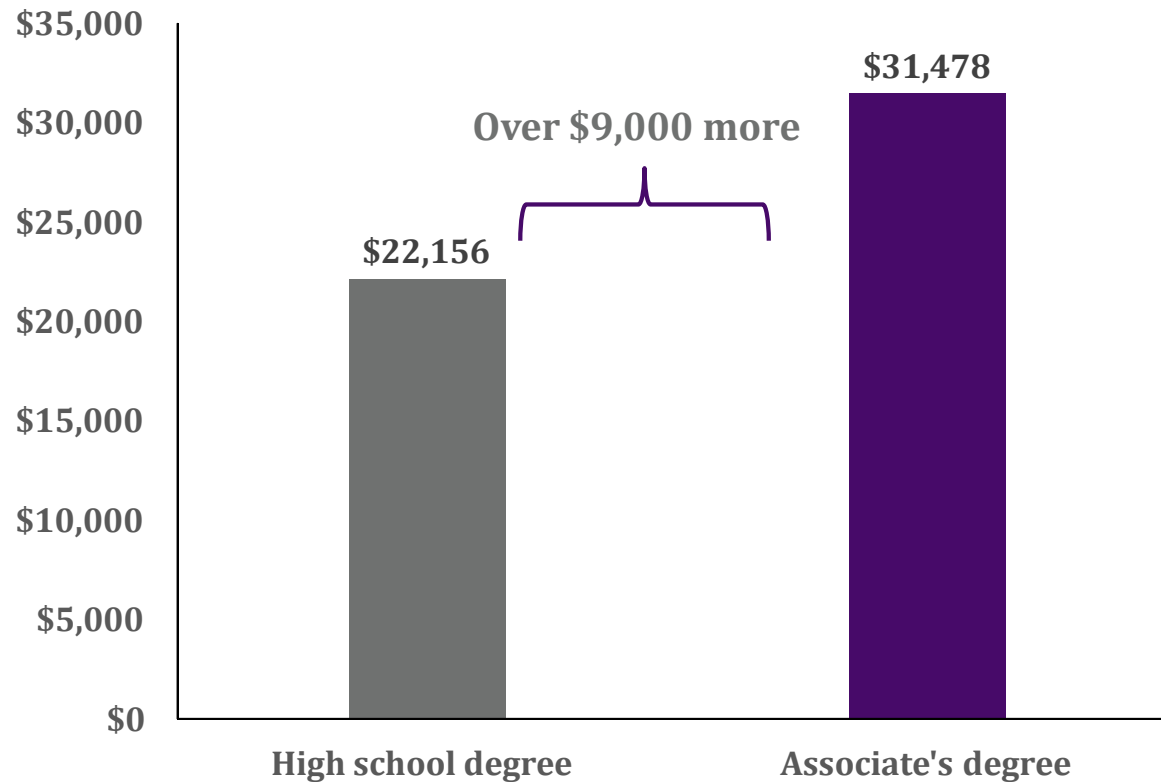
Community College Benefits – Low Cost

Annual Tuition for College in 2016/17



Community College Benefits – High Returns

Earnings of Adults ages 25-40



Completion Crisis by the Numbers

- Less than 40 percent of community college students graduate within in 6 years
- Low-income students are 7x less likely to graduate than their peers
- Dropping out is financially crippling – 90 percent of community college students who have defaulted on debt left college with no degree or certificate



This is a crisis.



Barriers to Graduation

1. College costs
2. Academic under-preparation
3. Institutional obstacles
 - Few resources per student
 - Complex systems
4. Personal, non-academic obstacles
 - Financial and family issues
 - Planning & time management



STAY THE COURSE

- Comprehensive case management provided on campus
- Emergency financial assistance for non-academic needs (up to \$1,500)

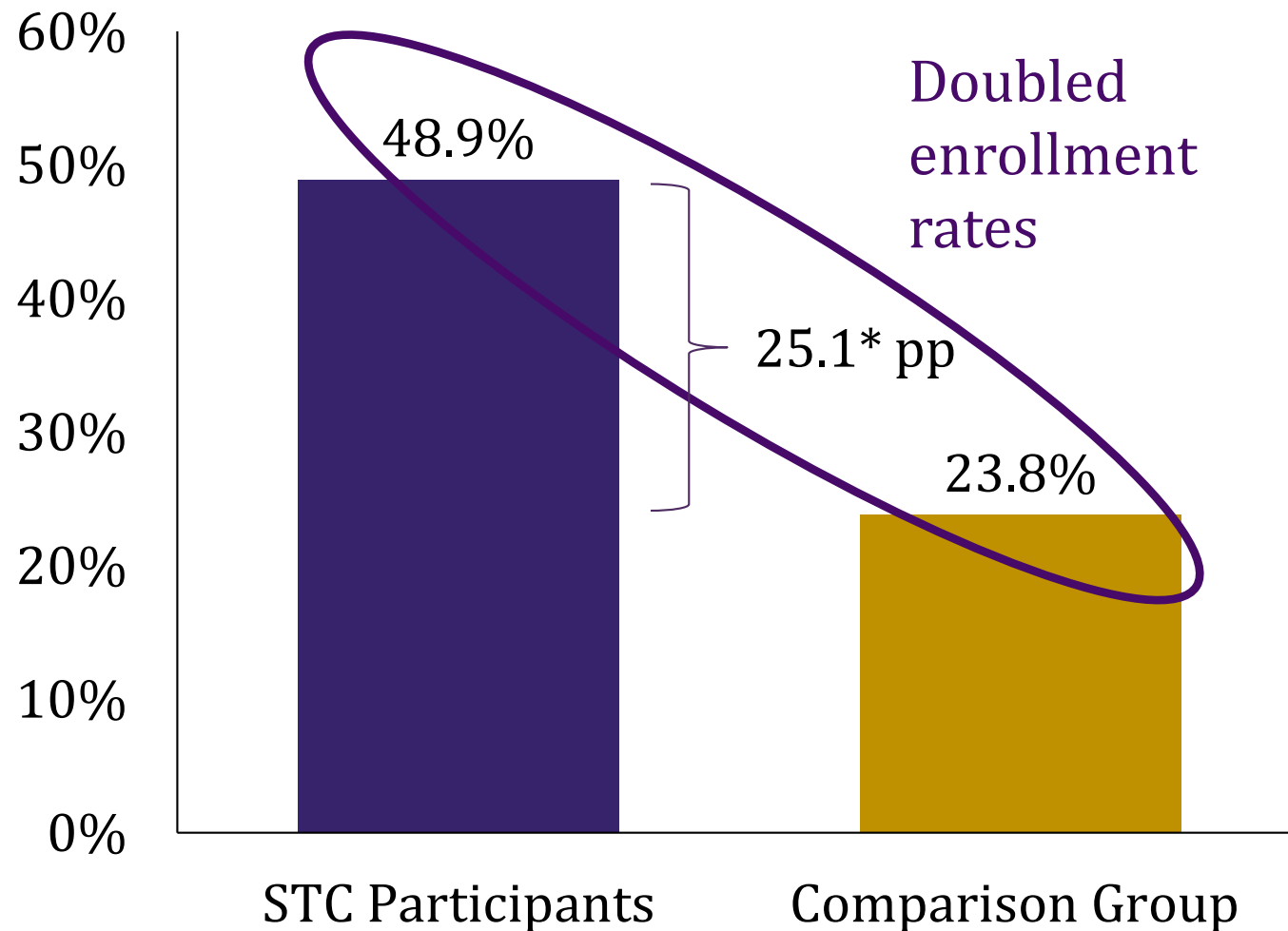


Results

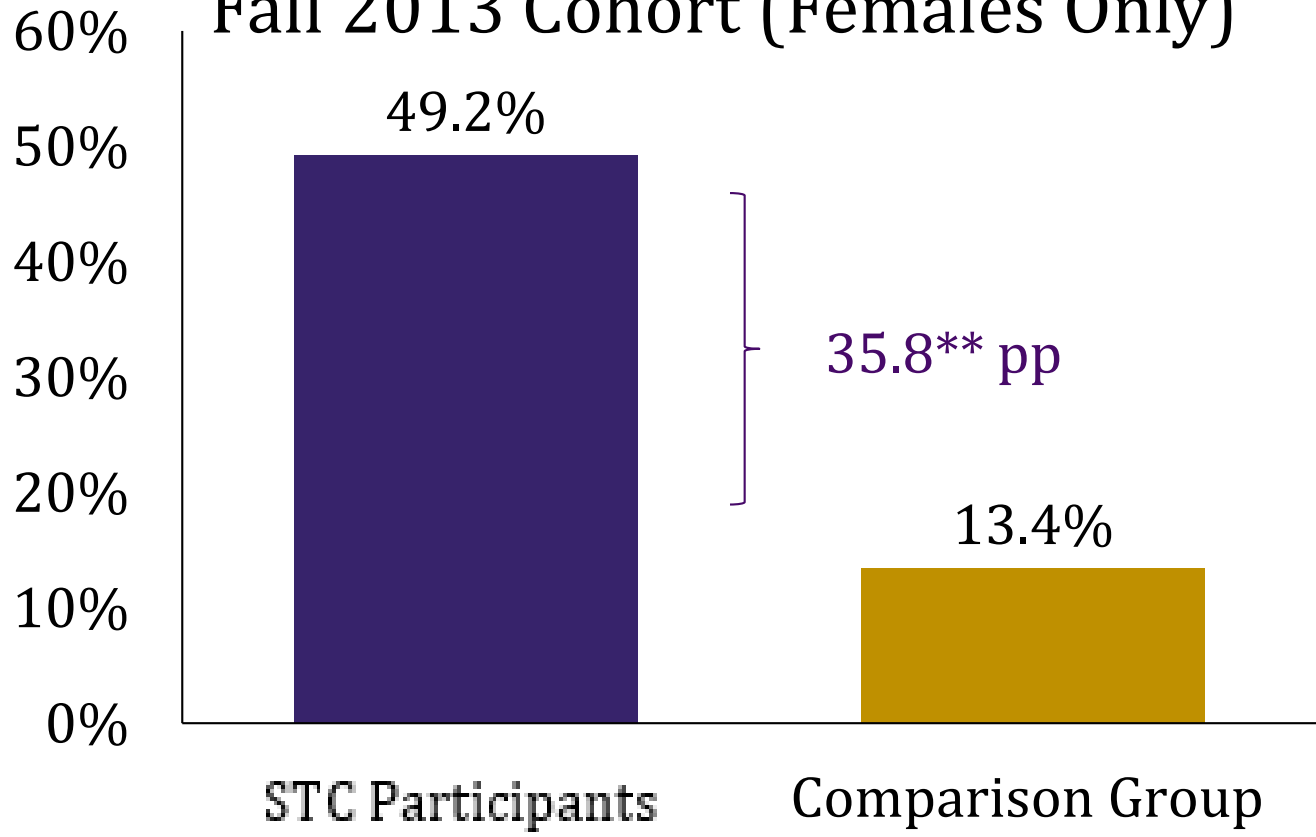
RESULTS	Control Group (no CCFW services)	Treatment Group (CCFW services)
Still enrolled after 6 semesters (all)	23.8%	48.9%
Earned degree (all)	5.7%	22.3%
Still enrolled after 6 semesters (females)	13.4%	49.2%
Earned degree (females)	Less than 1%	31.5%

Results: Stay the Course

Still Enrolled After Six Semesters

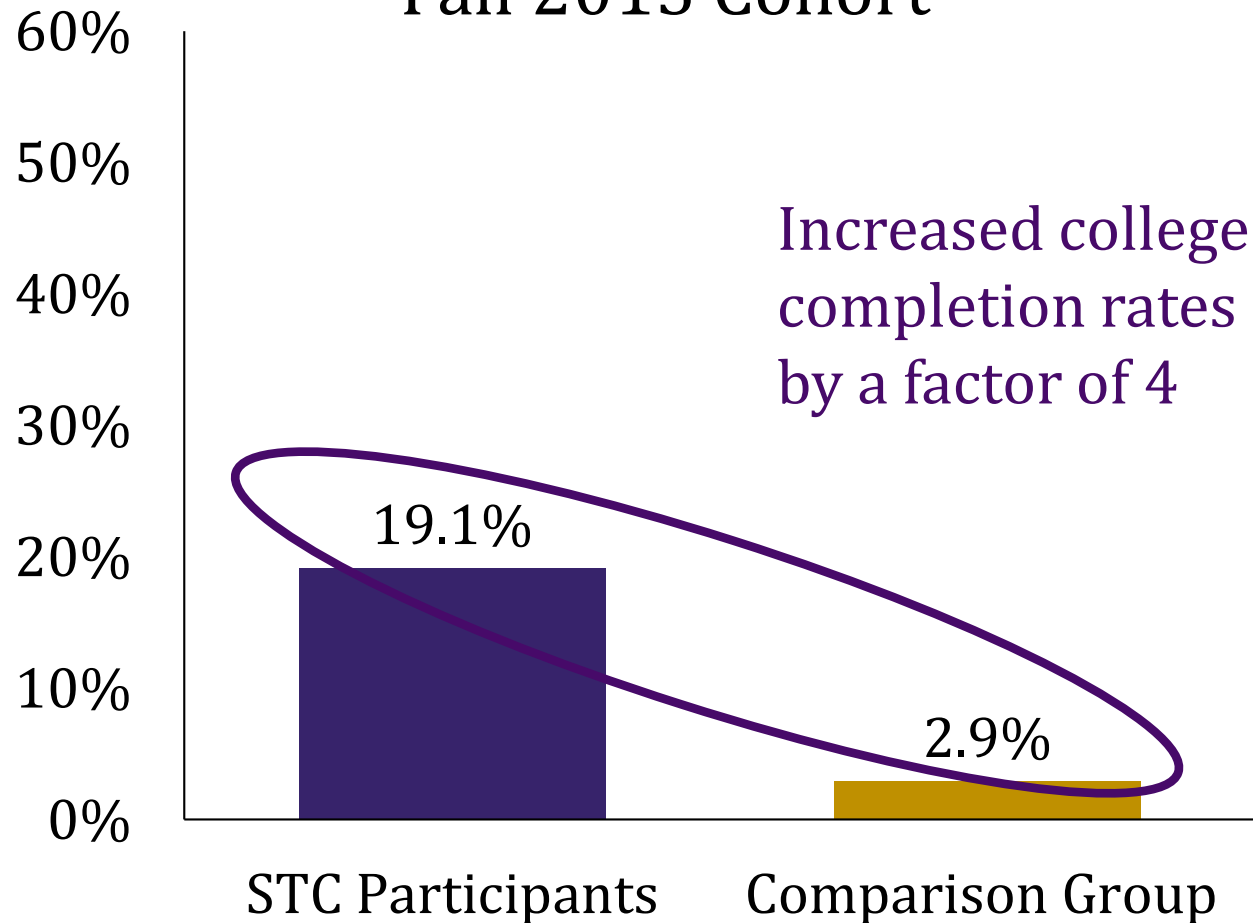


Still Enrolled – Fall 2013 Cohort (Females Only)

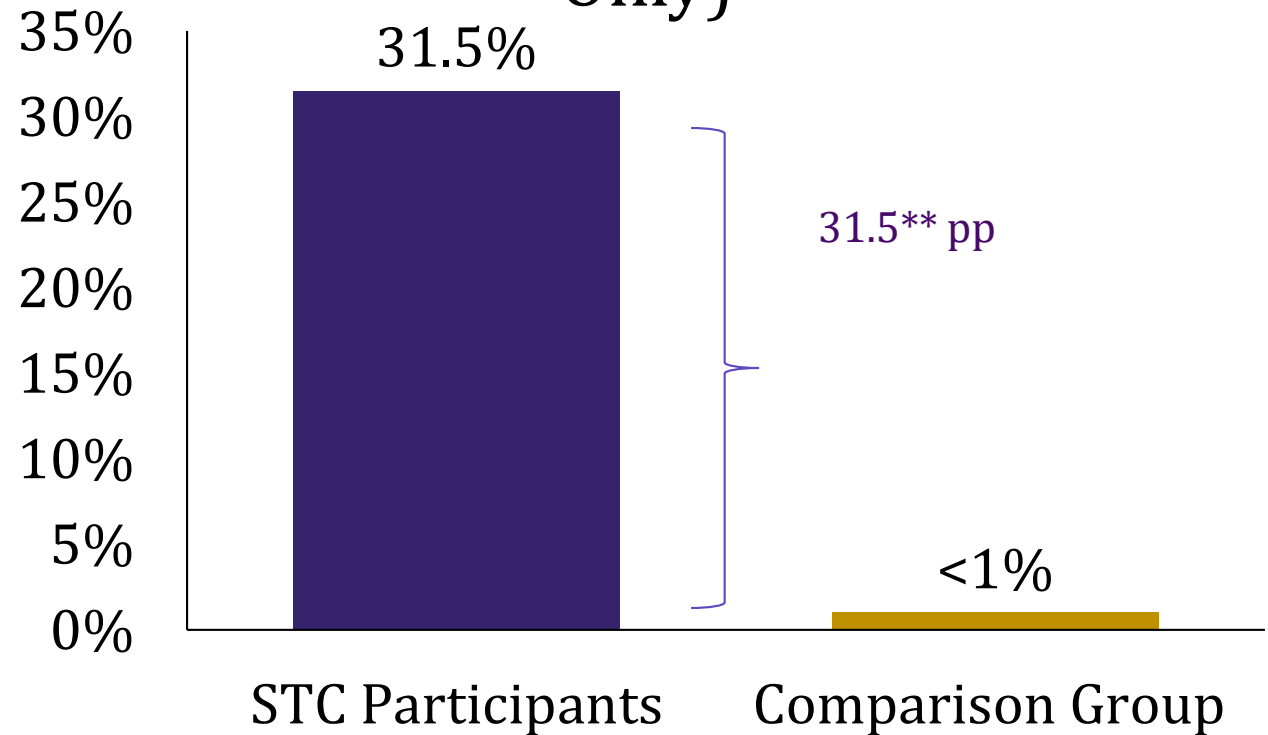


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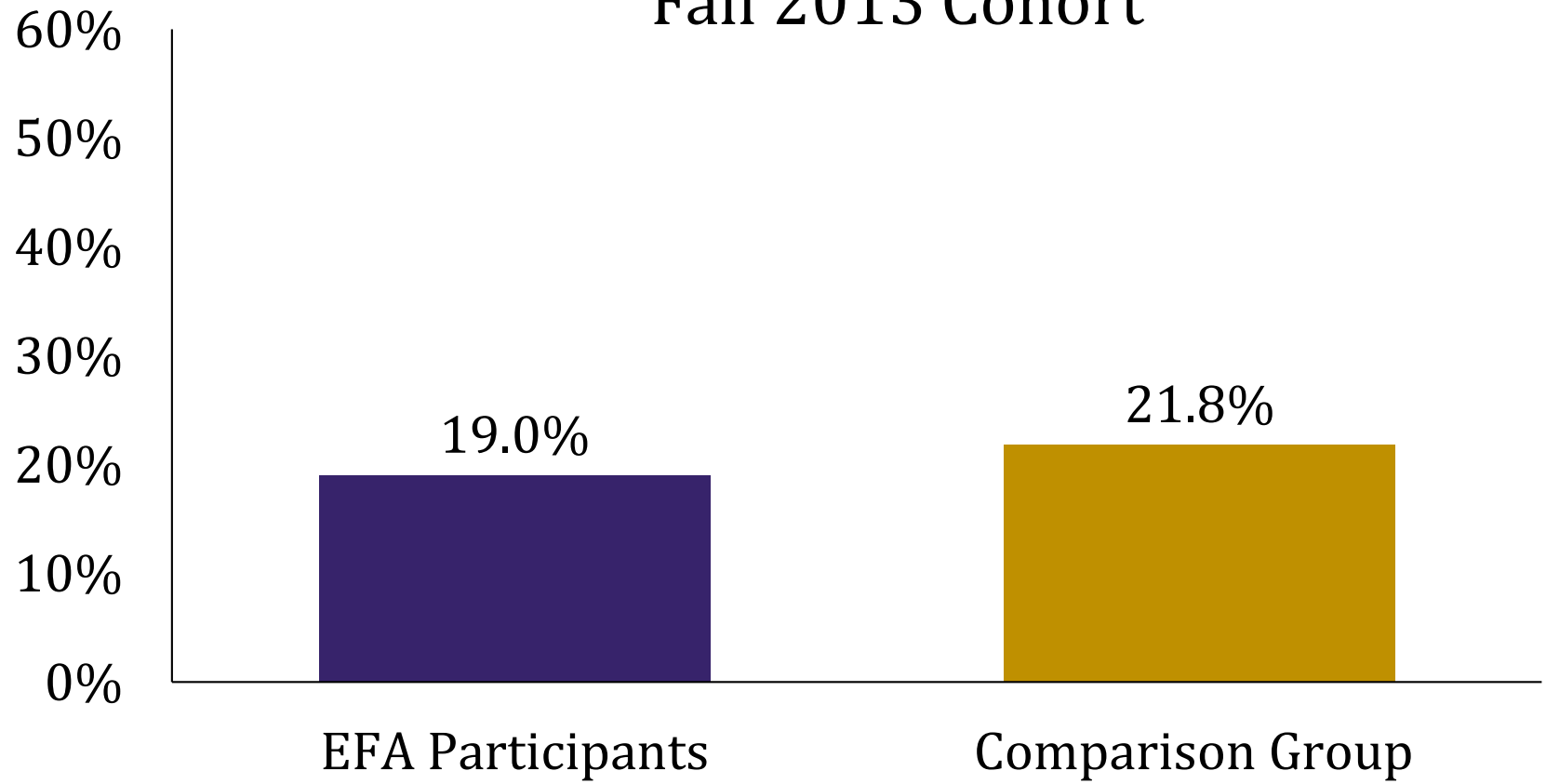
Earned Associates Degree – Fall 2013 Cohort



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Earned Associates Degree – Fall 2013 Cohort



Continued Research

- *Stay the Course™* is an evidence-backed solution in Tarrant County, yet the research continues
- Internal evaluation tests program variations
- Smaller-scale, evaluative projects help supplement LEO's research



Additional Results

Overall:

- STC participants are 4x more likely to graduate.
- Clients had an average passing rate of 93%.
- Our graduates earn nearly \$10,000 more per year.
- Fort Worth employers have a better workforce

Self-Sufficiency:

- Negative debt decreased by \$497
- Monthly stable income increased by \$161
- Monthly expenses decreased by \$222



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A Nationwide Model for Success

Stay the Course[™] Replication Locations:

- Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Baltimore, Maryland
- Columbus, Ohio



We're fighting harder and smarter





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Questions and Discussion