Teamwork makes the dream work

This month, we’re taking a moment to reflect on the adage of “teamwork makes the dream work,” and Maylin Mateo’s story is proof of that.

Maylin originally came to CMH after experiencing traumatic events following Hurricane Maria in 2017, but CMH is the place that truly placed her on the path to fulfilling her dreams.

Getting her on that path all started with a few key introductions—she met with her case manager Tamra Ford, Rosa Mendez from IPS, Triage Supervisor Taylor Volpe and Sherri Lavery from MRS.

Maylin always had the dream of owning her own nail salon but thought it was impossible, but CMH staff were able to show her that her dreams were within her reach. She began to look for employment with Rosa Mendez from IPS. In talking with Rosa, she realized that instead of getting a job she actually could pursue her dream of becoming a nail tech. Rosa introduced Maylin to Sherri, who was able to help her get funding to study at Grondin’s College of Cosmetology.

Maylin began studying in January of 2022 and graduated on April 7, 2022 as a professional manicurist.

Maylinc credits her therapy, along with a great team, to helping her achieve her goals.

“None of this would have been possible without Sherri’s help,” said Maylin.

She adds therapy was an important part of her journey towards achieving her dreams as well.

“In my most difficult time, Taylor accepted me…I am super grateful for her help.”

Maylin also wanted to share some inspirational words with others: “ the sky is the limit and when you put God first, everything is possible.”