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In the past 20 years, I've experienced more heartache and overcome more obstacles than many people do in a lifetime. It would've been easier to stay broken and give up—and believe me, there were times I wanted to—but I knew I had to keep going. When I look into my granddaughter's eyes, I know every struggle was worth it. I want to be a nurse because I genuinely love people. I am empathetic, hardworking, and will go above and beyond for anyone. I want my daughter and granddaughter to know that no matter what happens, you can overcome and persevere.”