Stepping into United Way Suncoast’s North Greenwood Resource Center helped Clearwater High graduate Alicia Smith step onto the University of South Florida campus this fall.

Operation Graduate, part of UWS’ youth success efforts, paved the way for Alicia. The collaborative program, led by United Way Suncoast, has helped students move towards post high school success for a decade.

Alicia, raised by her father in a single-parent home, earned her Associate degree from St. Petersburg College and her high school diploma in the same year. Now she'll aim to graduate from USF in two years, and it's all because she has the freedom to rise.

100% of dual enrollment high school students in Operation Graduate, a program for at-risk high school students, graduated on time.

100% of Operation Graduate students were accepted into higher education or the military.