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**TEACH Grant Recipient**

**First Name:** Holly                      **Last Name:** Johnson

**Student Profile:**

Holly is a student from a large family of primarily adopted children with special needs. She has more than 10 adopted siblings and her parents are middle aged. The financial need for Holly to attend school was high because of the lack of expected family contribution. To pursue a teacher education degree, Holly was limited to what was available locally as her parents needed her at home to assist with the other children when she wasn't attending school. This university is a private school with higher than state school tuition and the TEACH grant helped Holly remain in her community, in her home, while still pursuing a teaching career from a high quality teacher preparation program. Thanks to the opportunity her TEACH grant provided, Holly was hired for her first teaching contract straight out of her student teaching placement and began working immediately following her graduation in December.