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Jared South is a current EDGE participant whose goal is to become a Vet Tech. He has been placed at the Tupelo Humane Society as a subsidized employee, and he plans to work toward getting a job at PetSmart and be trained as a groomer and eventually attending Mississippi State University to enroll in the Veterinary Tech program.

He was homeless when he entered into the EDGE Program and had a lot going against him. Ms. Leigh Oswald, who is over the EDGE team at ICC, and his SNAP caseworker Ms. Connie Hutchens, along with others have worked with Jared and encouraged him along the way.

When we caught up with Jared at the Humane Society, he was busy working with the animals housed there and preparing some to be adopted. Jared has a wonderful personality, and he was all smiles and happy to talk about his goals for the future. He knows that he will have to work hard to get to where he wants to be and seems to have what it takes to get there. His co-workers at the Humane Society were bragging about him as well. Jared has a lot going for him, and we hope to see him grow and reach his goals as time goes by.

“I can still see the silver lining shining. Through my last few months, with a great deal of principled help, I have opened my eyes to concrete possibility.”