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Answering the Call

Just one month after graduating high school, Cattibrie walked into the GST Michigan Works! Lapeer office with a clear goal and a strong sense of purpose. Inspired by her school's Decision Day and her experience in a Public Safety Careers program through her local EdTech center, she was ready to take the next step toward becoming an EMT and beginning a career as a first responder.

At the time, Cattibrie was working at a local fast-food restaurant, but she knew she was capable of more. Her passion for emergency services had been growing for years, influenced by her mother's career—first as an EMT and later as a paramedic. A defining moment came when she participated in a ride-along with her mother. Witnessing firsthand the impact of emergency responders confirmed that this was the path she wanted to pursue.

Motivated and determined, Cattibrie enrolled at the American Training Institute in Flint to earn her EMT credential. She excelled in the program, embracing every opportunity to learn and develop hands-on skills. Her confidence and enthusiasm continued to grow as she prepared for a career in the field.

After successfully completing her training, Cattibrie achieved her goal and was hired full-time by Patriot Ambulance. In addition to beginning a meaningful career, she significantly increased her earning potential, securing an $8.54 per hour wage increase over her previous position.

Cattibrie's journey shows how passion, early exposure, and determination can lead to a meaningful career. She started as a recent high school graduate and is now a full-time EMT making a difference in her community.