

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Tiffany Thomas:

These are called Marcel curlers.

LaShawn Glasgow:

Tiffany Thomas:

We have neutralizer-

LaShawn Glasgow:

We have a short cut-

Tiffany Thomas:

Conditioner-

LaShawn Glasgow:

Which is a spike cut.

Tiffany Thomas:

Regular shampoo.

LaShawn Glasgow:

Dry wrap.

Tiffany Thomas:

Detangling shampoo.

LaShawn Glasgow:

And a straight wrap.

Tiffany Thomas:

Cleansing shampoo.

LaShawn Glasgow:

Flexi rods.

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Twisties.

Tiffany Thomas:

Holding sprays. You got your firm hold, your super hold.

LaShawn Glasgow:

Single twist, two-strand twists. This is called Oprah curls.

Speaker 3:

Oprah curls?

LaShawn Glasgow:

Oprah curls. You feel like Oprah when you finish. It's beautiful. This is beautiful.

Speaker 3:

How do those go in? How does that work? That's a mystery to me.

LaShawn Glasgow:

You have to glue it in the hair. So right now, I'm measuring out the length that I need to cut off. And then, I will add the glue to it and lay it on top her hair. Her hair is gelled down. So I'm just gelling it. It's called the gel weave. And she's going to be the next Oprah when I finish.

Speaker 4:

What time?

Tiffany Thomas:

Yep, that'll be fine. 4:30? Yep, I'll see you then, okay? All right, bye-bye.

LaShawn Glasgow:

My name is LaShawn Glasgow.

Tiffany Thomas:

My name is Tiffany Thomas and we're at Shear Intensity Hair Salon.

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LaShawn Glasgow:

3338 Greenmount Avenue. We've been here for eight years.

Tiffany Thomas:

I used to go over her house and she's always styling people hair. So, that inspired me to do hair.

LaShawn Glasgow:

Well, we're like sisters. So, I guess she wanted to follow my footsteps.

Tiffany Thomas:

Everybody is different. Everybody has a story. So, you hear all sorts of stuff. From the good, the bad, you learn to just listen. Sometimes give your opinion, sometimes just be a good, good listener.

Speaker 4:

[inaudible 00:00:01:33]. Okay good.

LaShawn Glasgow:

This is like the best job you could ever have. It's really doing hair. You being your own boss and you just satisfying customers. We come in at 10 and we probably leave here around 10. On a good day, we'll leave here around 12 o'clock.

Tiffany Thomas:

You know, it's no one else doing things. You have to do everything yourself as far as paying bills and making sure you here on time to get your customers in and locking up. So, it's just whole different responsibility, whereas before, our other jobs you just went in, just styled hair and then left and someone else took care of it.

LaShawn Glasgow:

I never imagined I'd be a owner of a salon, especially with me and Tiffany together. As her being my little sister you never thought, but we're doing real well.

Speaker 5:

Well, thank you.

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Tiffany Thomas:

Thank you.