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I'm Lori Hicks and I am a human resources specialist with NASA at Kennedy Space Center.

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Currently my role is to manage several leadership development programs.

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It's very rewarding to be able to see NASA's rising leaders and to be able to help groom

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them to reach new heights and take on things that they normally wouldn't have had an opportunity

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to do.

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I truly enjoy what I do, and that is taking care of NASA's workforce.

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Being a working mom with NASA, you know, back when I started, it was different.

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I was fresh out of high school and then went into the college years, and I only had myself

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to think about, and my career.

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So maybe there was an emphasis on family-friendly culture, however, I've really noticed it has

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evolved over time.

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And maybe that's because I now am a wife and
a mother of three children and trying to balance

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a career and family.

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I went through a personal challenge with some
medical concerns, issues, and the way that

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NASA responded to that -- my supervisor, the
director, the leaders -- was just an outpouring

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of support.

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And they really helped me realize that I,
too, when I came out of this, I wanted to

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be a leader as well, so someday I can pay
that forward and treat the people the way

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they want and deserve to be treated, which
is how I was treated.