

Profiles of Hope



For years, Carmen Rohde led a busy life, employed full-time and active in community organizations. She raised two sons who are now adults. After 23 years working at a job she enjoyed in the insurance industry, a corporate restructuring led to her being laid off along with dozens of other employees. Unfortunately, she was also going through a divorce at the same time. The

economic fall-out of these two situations forced her to sell her house. She turned to Project Self-Sufficiency in order to upgrade her workplace skills and increase her marketability to potential employers. Carmen took computer classes, revised her resume and practiced her interview skills in the agency's Career Center.

She spent over a year working at temporary jobs and is now employed part-time at a nursing home as the Activities Director, a position which she thoroughly enjoys. In her spare time, Carmen continues to volunteer extensively in the community. She is a faith leader with the Celebrate Recovery ministry, and is involved with the Sparta Historical Society and a local business organization for women. She finds joy in helping others.

“Being involved with Project Self-Sufficiency gave me self-confidence. For women like me, it is a safe place to learn and it is a great stepping stone for those looking to re-enter the workforce.”

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