

Profiles of Hope



When Kleber Betancourth first arrived at Project Self-Sufficiency, he struggled with the English language and needed help with a host of other issues, including obtaining a GED. He and his wife, Delia, soon became participants and his entire family flourished.

Kleber learned quickly. His competence with the English language grew each day. He studied hard and passed his exam, obtaining his GED and a receiving a huge boost in self-confidence along the way. His improved skills, coupled with his new degree, paved the way for a fruitful job search culminating in his current position. He is now employed by the Rockaway Township Board of Education as a school bus driver. He credits his experiences with Project Self-Sufficiency with helping him to increase his salary and maintain employment. Meanwhile, his wife Delia also obtained a position as a school bus driver.

The couple has three daughters ranging in age from 11-15. The family takes advantage of many of the services available at Project Self-Sufficiency, such as the Back to School fairs, Becoming You seminars and Family Fun Nights. In fact, the agency's Family Fun Night is his youngest daughter's favorite activity. Now that they are financially stable, Kleber and his wife are mulling over their options for the future. They are talking about opening an internet-based business out of their home.

Says Kleber, "Project Self-Sufficiency helped me to improve my English skills, increased my confidence and made me feel more secure. They helped my whole family, my wife and all of my kids."

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