

Rising STAR

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MEET RHONDA . . .

My name is Rhonda Wilson I graduated from the STAR FOUNDATION'S "Employment Training Program" in September of 2005. I took this computer class because I was in a bad marriage and have four children. I had always been a waitress, but I knew I could not support my family waiting on tables if I chose to end my marriage. After graduating from the STAR'S program, my husband and I separated. I began to worry that I wouldn't be able to find a job.

But, I didn't give up. Everyday I prayed for a job that would support us and one that I wouldn't have to work at night. Even when I didn't have gas money I would go to the local library and look on the internet for a job. I faxed my resume, mailed my resume, hand delivered it and emailed it.

Finally today I was offered a job as a Nutrition Technician that not only meets my needs but goes way beyond. Not only do I have complete benefits (health, dental and a 401(k) plan), but I am making \$16.00 an hour – 3.5 times more than working as a waitress. And now I feel that I am important. I have always been – I just didn't realize it.

