



# The Foundation to My Success

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I came to Crittenton Woman's Union to join the Woman to Woman Program to learn about computers and use the resources available to find employment. Being a single mother is a struggle. But I wanted to show my daughter that, even though I am a single parent, I am determined to do what it takes to make our living situation comfortable.

Originally when I signed up for CWU's Woman to Woman Program, I was under the impression that I would attend a computer class and go home. But this program was much more than a computer course and a chance to network with my fellow classmates. Being a participant with Woman to Woman is very inspirational and motivating. The teachers and other staff members made sure that every person had what they needed, and they encouraged us to advance and strive to become better women.

Before attending the Woman to Woman Program, I hadn't thought about going back to school. I was doubtful at first, and then Woman to Woman introduced me to a college prep course that helped me prepare myself for the college world. As time progressed, I began to look at my life and realize that a major change was necessary in order to become a successful businesswoman.

Immediately after graduating from Woman to Woman, I enrolled in the X-Cel College Prep program, where I completed a math course and an English course that helped me place into college level courses at Bunker Hill Community College. Meanwhile throughout this entire journey, I had the Woman to Woman staff in my corner rooting me on, making sure I stayed on track, and continuously encouraging me to have positive thoughts and do what was right for myself and my daughter.

Recently I completed my third semester at Bunker Hill with honors. I owe it all to Woman to Woman. If it wasn't for the staff's inspiration and optimistic energy, I wouldn't have had the courage to try to go back into school. I am majoring in psychology and plan to obtain my master's and become either a licensed counselor or social worker.

With Woman to Woman's help, I am on my way to becoming a successful, young, single mother. ■