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MEET KARRIE

My name is Karrie and I am a mother of 4 wonderful children. I was introduced to Human Connexus Foundation in early May when Cindy and Heather came to the Women Initiative classroom to give an overview of their organization. I could not believe my ears. An organization that is willing to give people in need a break to pursue their dreams. With my background, it is very difficult to ask for help but I decided to call because I do need help and really want to change my life. Here is a little information about me.

I am 42 years old and I grew up in Mountain View, California. My mother was very a giving person and throughout the years adopted 26 children. A few things she has taught me in life are the gift of unconditional love and organizational skills.

After 10 years of being a single mother of two, I married the man I thought I would spend the rest of my life with. Within one month of being married, he started to get physically abusive and really became a bully. I always knew this was wrong but I loved him and thought things would change. Four years and two children later, the beatings became so severe that I called the police, pressed charges and fled my household with my four children (two from previous relationship). We went into a domestic violence shelter where we have been for almost one year. The last beatings were so severe that I needed to get two surgeries to correct the injuries. During my recovery from surgeries, my employer informed me that they could no longer hold my position and I was being laid off. I have worked in the medical field for over 18 years helping business owners increase their profits and building their financial wealth by collecting unpaid dues from insurance companies.

I decided that I needed to focus on pursuing a career where I could help others but at the same time provide me with a flexible schedule to be with my children. I enrolled in the 11 weeks program at Women Initiative that gave me the skills to develop a business plan and the confidence to move on with my life. My business, Stride Medical Services, will provide support services to senior citizens who need an advocate to work with the insurance companies on denied insurance claims. Statistics show that there are 3.8 million people that live in California over the age of 55. 95% of senior citizens have had more than one insurance claim denied and had to pay for the surgery or treatment themselves. In a significant number of cases, the senior citizens never received treatment or the surgery because they could not afford the procedure. The purpose of Stride Medical Services is to represent the client (senior citizen) and take the necessary actions to get the insurance companies to pay for their claims. Stride Medical Services will be a non-profit organization because I don't want to charge the clients (senior citizens) for the necessary services. I plan to apply for grants and get endowments from other companies such as United Way to pay for the operational cost of the business.

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I am very confident that I can be successful. I just need the support and the opportunity. If there was an opportunity available to take care of my living expenses I could concentrate on my business and the children. This is where the real healing process would begin for my family. The support would allow me to obtain all necessary state requirements, file paperwork and go through proper channels in connecting with other companies such as United Way. Once I am able to provide a steady income, my family could move out the shelter and really start moving forward. If given a chance I know I could really rise above my circumstance and build a real home for us. I have never been in this situation before. I am educated, determined and ready to grow. If supported through this process I intend to give back and help the community with my business in a very personalized and professional manner.

Thank you.

Karrie