

## Sally's Journey

Life gives you obstacles every day, what you do with those obstacles show how you will handle life. There was once a time where I was only getting about a day's worth of work a week, I was living in a shelter, and I was trying to go to school. I couldn't afford my bills let alone school. One day I went to the Dean of Vance Granville Community College and he sent me to NCWorks in Oxford. The people there were amazing. My Career Advisor, Lucinda Clay, took me under her wings. She helped me with my job, she encouraged me with schooling and she is always checking in on me. Mr. Epps is also an amazing gentleman, he was always ready to help when Lucinda was at the other office. I would give him the message and he would let her know when I couldn't get in touch with her. Another amazing person is Susan, because without Susan and the crew here at NCWorks Career Center in Oxford, NC I wouldn't have had the chance to continue my schooling. I wouldn't be where I am without them. I have currently finished my first step in school, and I have about two more years of training to get where I want to be. I know NCWorks was my first step in my success because they believed in me. They helped me believe in myself when I thought everything was lost and I believed all my goals were out of reach. But now I know nothing is out of reach when you set your mind on something and have the right people on your side.

"Put your heart, mind and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success" - Swami Sivananda.

Sally (name has been changed to protect the identity of individual)

Update to Sally's story:

Sally was scheduled to travel to Blue Ridge Community College on 01/26/2018 to take the State Board Exam. Results are in, she passed and is now an Emergency Medical Technician. Sally has also gained employment with Bertie Ambulance in Henderson, NC as an EMT Basic.

Sally said she was going to stay in touch with me so I look forward to hearing more great things.

Lucinda Clay, Career Advisor