

My name is Susan. I am recovering from myself with a lifetime of addictions and dependencies. I was put into the hospital close to death with an alcohol count of .419. I should have died, but I didn't and I had to learn to get up and come back into society. I did not want to do this and didn't think I could do this. It took many people to help build a confidence in me and to walk with me through the tunnel of life.

I was referred to Western Community Action and Jeanine Antony by my daughter-in-law. I had no money and was about to be evicted from my apartment. This was nothing compared to how I felt about myself at this time. I carried shame, guilt, no self worth or pride, and a lot of self hate. I received rental assistance from Western Community Action to help stabilize my housing. During this time I met regularly with Jeanine. She provided me with the support I needed as I took the steps to move forward. I also became very active in other support groups.

That seems like a lifetime ago. I am living in a very nice apartment. Today I am proud to say that I recently accepted a full-time position with Project Turnabout. I can hold my head high with pride and confidence in myself. If it weren't for Jeanine Antony and Western Community Action and my doctors and my groups; I could not have done this alone.

My next goal is to go to school in time - so this is not over for sure. Two years ago I did not think I could function through the day. I thank Western Community Action for the love and support that you have given me. I thank my group for saving me a chair. I thank my family for their love. And I thank my God for saving me from hell. These organizations are so important for the people who have the willingness and desire to do something different with their life as I did.