

United Way of York County funds 74 programs through 37 Partner Agencies. Here is one way your dollars improve the lives of individuals and families in York County.

FOCUS AREA: FINANCIAL STABILITY

ADULT READING

YORK COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

Every year, more than one million students fail to graduate from high school on time. For the 30 million dropouts in the U.S., the long shadow of their unfinished education still follows them every day.

In York County alone, 40,000 adults are functionally illiterate.

Do they ever get a second chance at education to secure their Financial Stability?

Sherry started her journey one year ago, a quest to get a better job. Her pastor told her about the York County Literacy Council and how they could turn her in the right direction. When she called, she was treated first and foremost with respect, which was important to Sherry.

"I wasn't talked down to, even though I was a 50-year-old woman and not a young adult," Sherry said. "I always felt like the staff was rooting for me and encouraging me along the way."

Literacy Council staff answered every question Sherry had about the program, and helped her along the way. She passed three of the four tests within the first month of going to the Literacy Council. After that, they matched her with a tutor and he began helping with math.

Sherry's journey was hard – working two jobs and taking care of a household – but was well worth it. **Thanks to the Literacy Council and the support provided by your donation to the United Way of York County Community Fund, she was able to do it.**

Sherry will be hired full-time with the company she had been working for as a temp, which means not only a pay raise, but the addition of benefits, insurance, paid vacation and paid sick time.

Helping Sherry to get her high school equivalency diploma empowered her. She has more confidence, having demonstrated that if you work hard, you can accomplish your dreams. What a powerful influence she has become for her family, friends, co-workers and community!

Because you support United Way, you help people like Sherry and her family to achieve financial stability.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

