

Supported Employment, a Success Story
Working does Wonders!

Work Participant ~ John
Employment Specialist ~ Victoria
IPS Program – Working Wonders

When John entered the Working Wonders program in October of 2017, he was “homeless, with no money, living off of others.” I was “angry, didn’t care about hygiene or self. I suffer from Autism, Bi-Polar and Depression.”

Before supported employment, his wife was the only one to help him break away from self-harm. Once partnering with Working Wonders, John states he got “help consistently to get a job by continuing to put in applications. My employment specialist never gave up.” I started maintaining cleanliness and became more confident.

John landed a job in August 2018. “I work for a call service as a Member Experience Specialist. I get along with my team, a group of people who actually like their job.” Since John began working, he recognizes “My attitude is more positive, I have less health issues and I am able to maintain a budget. I am able to donate to my church, maintain hygiene and save money for housing.”

John now has plans for his future. “My wife and I want to get our own home and get a vehicle. I want to be a leader.” John’s family reacts...”my mom is proud; my brother is jealous. My wife is excited that I am not grumpy”!

John sums up his journey like this...

“I am extremely relieved to be employed!! I am more comfortable in this job setting than any other employment.” “If I am able to find a job while I am homeless, then anyone can do it!”