

Supported Employment, a Success Story
Working does Wonders!

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

Eugene recalled what life was like before coming to supported employment. “I was a mess, living in a homeless shelter; at that point, I didn’t know if I’d live or die.”

Joining up with Working Wonders really changed Eugene’s confidence. “They helped me with things I needed to be successful in work. They helped me look for work.” Eugene started with the program in December of 2017 and tried two short-term jobs before he found a long-term success. In July of 2018, Eugene was hired at Bay Area Hospital.

“I work in Environmental Services. Things I like about my job: I work for good bosses; I work by myself and also with other people. I love having income! I got my own apartment and have a checking and savings account. My family is very proud of me.”

Eugene has work in his future! “I plan on continuing to work and take care of myself; also to spend time with my family.”

“I hope other people find this program to get back on their feet, to not give up. I looked at it as my last chance and put everything I had into it.”

Eugene graduated successfully from Working Wonders at the end of August 2018.

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