

ANGELA JENKINS
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Angela first came to Wabash Area Development, Inc. after attending a Trade Workshop they had held when she had been laid off from a local manufacturer. She was only able to find work part-time at a local bank but was interested in the medical field.

She was enrolled in the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program and entered training in the Fall of 2010 in the Medical Office Assistant Program working toward an Associate Degree while continuing to work part-time. A few weeks into the program, her husband Jerry was rushed to the hospital with a serious heart condition. In the next few days Angela also fell ill and was rushed to a hospital in Indianapolis. A CAT scan revealed that she had a brain aneurysm located at the base of her brain in a vital and dangerous area.

Every time Jerry asked where Angela was, the family made excuses in order to keep him calm so he could rest. Once Angela was stabilized she had brain surgery. Although it was a success, the doctors warned that she would have a long recovery ahead of her.

Her husband was released from the hospital and once Angela returned home, Jerry was stronger and able to help her. She was unable to drive or walk long distances, but no matter what, she was going to register for the Spring 2011 semester. A determined Angela was true to her word and was released by her doctor on January 3, 2011.

A short eight months later, Jerry was struck again with another illness and was too weak to survive. He passed away in September 2011. They had been married for 30 years. Angela had much to deal with for over a year, none of it easy. Despite all she suffered, Angela remained strong, positive and steadfast to reach her goal.

Due to taking extra classes each semester in order to “catch up”; Angela graduated in May 2012 with an Associate Degree in Medical Office Assistant. Olney Central College awarded her the “Parkersburg Community Club Award” which is presented to a graduating student who is deemed to be the most outstanding in the field of office careers. The selection is based on scholarship, leadership and proficiency in the various secretarial skills. She was also awarded the colleges’ Medical Office Assistant Award.

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