

CELEBRATING BEGIN ANEW'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY

REFLECTIONS

TEACHING ONE GENERATION
TO CHANGE THE NEXT



**Your giving
creates change
for a lifetime!**

Destini with her proud family as she receives her diploma in 2016.



Marce, after receiving his HSE. Destini's success inspired him to enter the program himself.

Reflections on Lives Changed

Marce and Destini earned their High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma in the spring and winter of 2016. Despite the challenges they faced early in life, they committed to earning their HSE for themselves and their children.

Marce dropped out of high school because his parents were addicts, and he needed to secure a job to help support his siblings. Marce shared "When Destini and I first met, we made a promise to be better than our parents were."

Their first child, Tay (their daughter), was born premature with Cerebral Palsy. It became too much to go to school and raise a child, so Destini soon dropped out to care for their daughter. They promised each other they would go back to school to get their HSEs, but life got busy and they soon had four children.

One day Destini decided to google HSE classes and found Begin Anew of Middle Tennessee. She met Andrea, Madison Program Manager, who welcomed her and scheduled an assessment test for her. Destini shared "I started soon after and about two months in our daughter passed away. She was the glue to our family. Everything revolved around

and eventually I took my (HSE) pretest and passed. When I took the official test, I failed but continued to study and passed the next official test!"

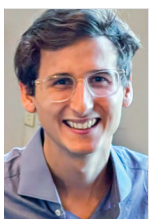
Destini received her HSE which made Marce a proud husband. It was now his turn. So, Marce enrolled and came in committed to studying because he knew he had potential. However, one day during class he became so overcome with the recent loss of their daughter that he had to leave. The Men's Program Manager followed him to make

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sure he was ok. Once Marce shared his heart, they prayed together, and this encouragement helped him stay on track. After a few months of focused determination and working with his teachers, Marce finally received his HSE!

Destini soon started her own business called Tay's Cleaning Services (named after their oldest daughter). Destini now has approximately 30 clients and several employees. Marce proudly shares that he is a Maintenance Tech at Electrolux where he has been for the last 10 years. Marce also started his own lawn care service — Tay's Lawn Care, and their two sons work for him.

Destini and Marce are so thankful Begin Anew gave them the opportunity to better themselves!



Volunteer's Reflections

Julian shared that Begin Anew has not only bolstered his respect for teachers everywhere, but it also helped him recognize how a little support can make a substantial difference in peoples' lives. In addition, he shared that he is inspired by adult students' interest and commitment to investing in learning.

Reflections Corner

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LIFE CHANGING IMPACT



CHRISTIAN POVEDA 2022 December High School Equivalency Graduate and is now seeking to enroll in trade school.

JENECIA JOHN 2022 December High School Equivalency Graduate, shared that one of her favorite experiences was a goal coaching session. It not only helped her identify her goals but inspired her to make a game plan on how to accomplish them. She plans to apply to nursing school at Nashville State Community College to become a labor and delivery nurse.

ISRAEL PEREZ AND KARLA REYES 2022 June English Language Learning (ELL) Graduates. They completed ELL Levels 1-3 and are now enrolled in our High School Equivalency program.

HECTOR RUEZGA 2021 English Language Learning Level 2 Graduate. Why Begin Anew? We moved here, so we must learn the language to be able to communicate. Hector currently works in sales.

DESIREE TAYLOR 2019 Computer and Job Skills Graduate. Desiree works full time and is now enrolled and working toward her High School Equivalency.

REFLECTIONS MOVING FORWARD

Founded in 1997, Begin Anew is celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Thank you for giving of your time, talents, and financial resources to help countless men and women work toward achieving their dreams and a better life for their families. You are a reflection of God's love and hope to others!

Our mission is to empower individuals to overcome the obstacles caused by poverty by providing education, mentoring, and resources. In 2023, we plan to launch a Virtual Campus that will further expand our reach throughout Middle Tennessee. This program will allow us the opportunity to engage individuals who currently deal with various obstacles like transportation, work schedules with limited flexibility, and other barriers that prevent them from attending the in-person classes we offer today. The pandemic proved this can be an effective way to reach more individuals. Margareth was the first student to graduate in 2021 who completed all her classes online due to the pandemic. This allowed her to attend classes after working hours and in addition, care for her daughter.



MAKE AN INVESTMENT & CHANGE A LIFE

- ▶ We reach out to you to make an investment in Begin Anew's community.
- ▶ Return the enclosed card today and help one generation to change the next.
- ▶ Give online at:
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- ▶ Or give by clicking our QR Code.



1. OPEN CAMERA
2. SCAN CODE
3. GIVE NOW

JUST AS WATER REFLECTS THE FACE,
SO THE HEART REFLECTS THE PERSON.

PROVERBS 27:19

At Begin Anew, our vision is to *Teach One Generation to Change the Next!*

We invite you to join us in creating life-changing impact for our students, their families, and our communities for years to come.

Poverty can be generational and until the cycle is broken, entire families are forced to repeat cycles of undereducation, poverty, and hopelessness. The Nashville Public Library (NPL) estimated that 250,000 adult Nashvillians need educational assistance with English language learning, high school equivalency testing, and basic literacy skills. According to the NPL, not only could increased literacy help more adults progress, it could also lower unemployment, poverty, and crime rates.

In addition, children with low-literate parents are 72 percent more likely to have poor reading skills themselves (ProLiteracy, 2021).

In 2021, over 309 volunteers provided over 4,500 hours of service. We also served over 300 students and celebrated 29 graduates with the majority of the remaining students continuing to make forward progress in their studies. In addition, we served 70 of our students' children (infant – 5th grade). We formed a critical partnership with Homework Hotline for school aged children that provides homework assistance from certified teachers online. This resource connects the children to opportunities they can also use at home.

Thank you for helping us break the cycle of generational poverty.

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