



## 2016 Computer/Job Skills Graduate Update

Your life-changing impact can be seen in Kathy's testimony of how she got started in her journey with Begin Anew and where she is today (March 2022).

In order to provide for her young family, Kathy needed more skills but questioned whether she could do it.

Driving down West Main Street, she spotted a yard sign in front of Walker Baptist Church, location for Begin Anew's Franklin Campus, that read "Computer Classes." Kathy wondered, "Could I do it? Can I take on one more thing?"

Kathy decided to plow ahead and called the number on the sign. A welcoming voice at Begin Anew affirmed Kathy, and they scheduled a time to meet. Kathy shared her need for basic computer skills in order to gain an office job. Hesitantly, she even revealed her hidden dream to attend college. Knowing that her children could come with her, and attend Begin Anew's free children's program while she was in class, enabled Kathy to enroll in our Computer and Job Skills program.

As a student, Kathy found women who cared about her, listened to her, and offered her words of encouragement. "They gave me a chance to find myself. I learned that I did have skills and qualities that I was not aware that I had. I had something to look forward to and a place that encouraged me to be the best of myself that I could be. I learned during my time at Begin Anew that I could go on to college."

Kathy attended Columbia State and secured employment with a health care company in Cool Springs. She has received promotions and works in the Human Resource Department. In addition, she purchased a house for herself and her two children.