

SNAPSHOT OF SUCCESS

Customer
Tony Arndt

Program
State
Dislocated Worker
Program

Former Occupation
Video
Store Manager

Credential
Associate's
Degree

Outcome
Network
Administrator at
Hennepin
Technical
College

WASHINGTON COUNTY DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM SUCCESS STORY

Mark,

It has been a few years since you had helped me to get my education and life really going in the right direction. I cannot thank you enough for all the help with funding for my Associate's degree back in 2012— that was a turning point in my life. It spurred me to finish my 4 year degree as well, while working as a software engineer at Siemens. You had said something to the effect of "Get your education. It's something neither the economy, nor your employers, nor one, can take away from you."



Tony Arndt & Family

When we met it was during a low point for me. I was having a difficult time finding work and felt as if I wasn't qualified for any work due to the difficult employment environment at the time. I started taking a few classes at the Woodbury Workforce Center, and heard about the Dislocated Worker Program. We talked about my skills, abilities and evaluated my interests. Once we knew my interests and skills were a good fit for the Information Technology field, we found that Hennepin Technical College would fit my needs.

Getting my A.A.S made me believe in myself again and I decided to take that degree and move forward to get my Bachelor's degree. While I worked on my Bachelor's degree, my wife finished her Master's, we had a daughter and bought a house in Eden Prairie. We have really come a long way since you took a chance on me, and I cannot thank you enough.

I left Siemens and accepted a Senior Level Software Engineer Job at MoneyGram Inc., the number two Money Transfer Company in the world.

I feel I owe much of this to the support of you (Mark), the Dislocated Worker Program and my wife of seven years. As I stumbled, I was encouraged to get back up, to keep trying to make my life better every day. Thank you for believing in me, when even I could not believe in myself.

Sincerely,
Tony Arndt