



SHE GAINED HER INDEPENDENCE BACK
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Barb, a resident of Startford is a participant of the Independence Training Program funded by United Way of Prince Edward Island. She graduated from Acadia University and holds degrees in Psychology and Sociology. She became a licensed practical nurse in 1993 and loved her job. She had to stop working in 2002 after becoming very ill which required surgery. The surgery caused her to lose most of her eyesight.

“ After being independent for so long, suddenly I was faced with a major challenge in my life. It seemed that suddenly everything was put to a halt. Having to stop driving was the hardest since I had my driver license since I was 16 years old. Losing my independence was the hardest thing for me to accept, ” says Barb.

She was introduced to an Independence Training Program offered by CNIB. “Being involved with the Independence Training Program helped me to gain my independence back. I learned to walk with a white cane and it is possible for me to cook a meal for my husband and myself. I learned to use a computer with special software that reads the screen to me,” she says.

“With the help of the program, I am able to lead an independent life again. I go to the gym and live an active life. United Way needs your support. Thank you United Way for funding this program.”

United Way is currently funding forty programs and services all across the Island. The following programs aim to provide services for Persons with Disabilities in PEI - Ability Club Program, Special Needs Program, Advocacy, Volunteer Development Program, Circle of Learning and Summer Action Program.

Please continue supporting your United Way. Get the help out for people like Barb who needs programs like these. It's all about **Neighbours... Getting A Helping Hand.**