

Spotlight

Florence Miller

Florence Miller came to Vocational Guidance Services without hope. She had been diagnosed with depression and health concerns revolving around a ten year injury, which affected the use of her upper neck, back, wrist and hands. While dealing with these injuries, she became despondent due to her condition and her inability to find suitable employment.

The Maintenance Program at VGS gave Florence the confidence and push she needed to get her life back on track. When asked about the program she stated, "The Maintenance Program and Mr. Nunn [her instructor] gave me the encouragement and confidence to compete with an all male class, which in turn prepared me to deal with an all male workforce. The hands on training and interaction with VGS staff gave me the confidence I needed to get back into the employment cycle."

Florence is now happily employed with K&D Management and works in the Apartment Maintenance Department. Her duties include suite preparation for 100 assigned suites, repairs in plumbing and electrical, as well as the installation of kitchen cabinets and granite tops. She is presently earning a good wage with medical benefits and a 401K plan. When asked to sum up her experience with VGS, Florence said, "I have regained my self-esteem - I feel more confident and secure. And, it feels great to get-up, go to work and come home tired. I feel independent." That is the beauty of VGS' mission of *"Preparing People with Barriers to Employment for a Brighter Future."*