



HOW YOU CHANGE LIVES WITH UNITED WAY

KATHY SPOTTED THE YARD SIGN IN FRONT OF A CHURCH THAT READ COMPUTER CLASSES. She had her high school certificate but no further education. Jobs were limited. She had two small children to raise and her mom who was ill lived with them. How could she take on one more thing? “I want to break the cycle. None of my family had gone to college,” Kathy shared. Coming to Begin Anew, a United Way partner, was a step toward change. Determined, Kathy showed-up each week faithfully to gain computer and job skills. It helped that childcare was also provided for free and her kids loved coming. Her mentor worked with her on applying for scholarships and she enrolled at Columbia State. She also

got a paying job on campus because of the skills she learned. Kathy now has a good paying job working in human resources for a healthcare company.

