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Kay O’Rourke
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I perfected my resume and learned valuable interview “do’s and don’ts.” Guest speakers and recent MediClerks graduates helped prepare us for interviews and gave pointers on job searching. At graduation, I gave the commencement speech. It was nervewracking at first but in the end I believe my speech came out pretty good! After graduation, I was unsuccessful in hearing back from the jobs that I had submitted resumes to. I was disappointed. One day, I decided to walk into a local business. It was not hiring but I handed my resume to the owner in hopes that he would consider me for future employment. The next day, he called and two days after that, I was an employed woman. Three days later, my wage was adjusted and I was making a better paycheck than I’ve made in years! My boss told that he was impressed with my recent course and that made me feel good about my position in the company. I would highly recommend these two programs to anyone that is looking to improve your skills and trying to better their chances of getting a job that not only brings in good wages, but a job that makes you feel proud of yourself. Thank you very gratefully.

Debbi Silva
I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Wellspring House. In many ways, I feel like I received more value than I could pay. Wellspring is so much to so many people, but to me it heart belongs to the Holiday Store. And I wish everyone would do the same for the Holiday Store because someone asked me to. A few years ago I asked to help organize the store. I couldn’t believe the amount of toys and the number of people who were in need. In our own back yards? In our own little North Shore? Yes, it’s about us getting together as a community in the spirit of what is right and what is just. I am so much the richer for it. It’s a great way to show them that you care.