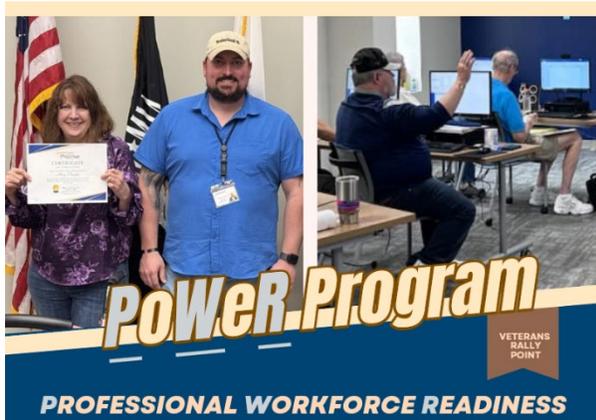


TOGETHER We Power Employment Possibilities



Dear Friend of Easterseals,

For many Veterans and their families, navigating the job market can be a daunting mission. For Amy Dudek, daughter of a Veteran, the path forward became clear and fulfilling thanks to the *Power Program* (Professional Workforce Readiness) class at Easterseals Veterans Rally Point (VRP). Today, Amy isn't just celebrating a new job; she's embracing her dream career, a testament to the powerful support system she found and the vital skills she gained.



“From the moment I walked into the class, I knew I was in a special place, it’s like my second home,” Amy shares.

The *Power Program* offers more than job search tactics; it's about building unshakeable confidence and equipping participants with the foundational tools for long-term success. The comprehensive curriculum covers everything from resume writing to mock interviews and networking strategies and opening doors Amy "didn't even know existed." Now, Amy is a Direct Support Associate helping others—her dream job!

A significant part of Amy's success story is the personalized guidance she received. She credits VRP's Associate Director Ryan Landry for his exceptional dedication: *“Ryan went above and beyond to make sure we weren't just prepared, but truly set up for success. It was perfect timing as I was preparing for my interview,”* Amy shared.

Beyond the classroom, Amy deepened her connection with Veterans Rally Point through volunteering. This experience allowed her to build incredible bonds, turning classmates and mentors into a supportive family. "The connections I've made here are priceless," she reflects. "It's about being surrounded by people who understand your journey and genuinely want to see you succeed. These relationships have become an essential part of my life."

For Amy, Veterans Rally Point has become far more than a resource center. "It's truly my second home," she says, her voice filled with gratitude. "The sense of community, the unwavering support, and the genuine commitment to helping Veterans thrive are what make this program so exceptional. I feel

a profound sense of belonging here." Amy's journey from uncertainty to securing her dream job is a powerful and inspiring example of what's possible with the right support and a strong community.

For more than 75 years, Easterseals has been trusted by families as a leader in building thriving communities—opening doors to participation and opportunity for people with disabilities, veterans, and families. Together, we improve education, advance health, and expand employment opportunities.

This Giving Season, we're aiming to raise \$25,000 to continue creating life-changing opportunities for individuals like Amy. Together, we can make *Employment for All* a reality. Your generosity fuels opportunity—helping individuals like Amy find purpose, independence, and belonging through meaningful work. Your gift to Easterseals opens doors, transforms lives, and strengthens communities—because when everyone can contribute, we all thrive.

Wishing you peace, health, and happiness in the new year,



Robin Sharp, President & CEO
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