

Testimony By Alex Graysay
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I am Alex Graysay. Thank you for letting me speak today. Let me tell you about myself. I am 33 years old and live in Peters Twp with my Mom and sister.

I like to play video games. My favorites are **Batman-Brave and the Bold** and **Lego Harry Potter**. I play basketball for Special Olympics. I do ballroom Dancing with **Yes, You Can Dance**. I get to perform at events with my group. I've done a waltz, the salsa, a tango, and a fox trot.

I have also done volunteering with an adult training facility at many places:

- The PA Trolley Museum
- Delivering Meals-On-Wheels
- The Food Bank and more.

Then I did transitional work at Steratore Sanitary Supplies. I picked items and packed the orders for delivery. Then we took the orders to the houses. This helped me to learn job skills and to practice work while doing a job. This gave me confidence.

Now I have 2 jobs and I work 4 days a week. I stock shelves at Heisler's Market in my hometown. And I am a Hard Line Merchandiser at my Kmart. I like stocking the shelves. It is fun and nice to do a good job.

I take First Transit to work and back home. My mom schedules the trips but I ride by myself.

I have a job coach at work. They helped me to learn the procedures of the store. Now they mostly keep me focused and on task. They also help with explaining the directions to me. I can do the work but I get distracted a lot.

I like when people I know come and see me work. My mom says I am more grown up and act more independent, even at home.

I like going to work & doing a good job. I get to spend the money I make, buying wrestlers, going to the movies. I bought my suit.