

## **The New Start by Hien Ha**

My name is Hien Ha, I come from Vietnam. I learned English when I was in the Refugee camp in Malaysia. I came to the U.S. in 1995 with my sister. I had a hard time to adjust to this new country, that is why I moved a lot. Firstly, from San Francisco, to Georgia, then Connecticut, after that I moved to Ohio. I was pretty tired of moving around and I was homesick.

Doctors told me to relax and said I had Anxiety. I took a deep breath to calm myself down. I made a final decision, this time my destination is coming back to where I first arrived-San Francisco.

I enrolled in this program that I think is very good for me to start, the employment services program gives me a full benefits.

There is Jeanne, she is the Director, a very nice and conscientious person. Maisha, an extremely wonderful teacher, she teaches me ESL and computer, she does the job search for us, we have a great time in our class because she has a good sense of humor, I like her. I make friends with Kazuyo, an intern from Japan, she is friendly and tactful. There is Nora, she is incredible that I feel free to talk to her and exchange my ideas. And I must not forget Connie, she shows me about the social work field, she is full of energy.

As long as I am here everyday there are things to see, to do, to learn, the day just seems to never end. I enjoy being here, everyone is just great. I guess I no longer feel frustrated and hopeless as I did before. I feel confident to continue and to do more, learn more, express more, obtain more...surely, I will see my future, a better one.