



My name is Anna Ramirez and I live in Livonia in a group home and go to STEP on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. I used to have no job until about 6 months ago. My case coordinator asked me if I wanted to start my own vending machine business and I said, "Yes". First I talked to a friend, Abe to ask if he wanted to help me with my business and he said, "Yes". Later another friend named David started to help me now he is my partner.

I have one snack machine and one pop machine. On Monday and Thursday Abe helps me write down the orders and David drives us to Costco to buy pop, chips, cookies, popcorn and candy bars. When I fill my machines I put the snacks and pop in and take out the old and expired stuff. Abe helps me take the money out of my machines and we count it to see how much money I made. I make payments every month to pay for my two machines.

Before I had my business I had some money, now I have my own money to put in the bank. I use it for something nice to buy like clothes, new gym shoes, camp and vacations. I love it!

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