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As a single woman, getting my visa to come to the USA was one of the best things that ever happened to me. In 2011, after I moved here from Africa, I lived in New York City. I worked hard to save money and also to take care of myself. I started going to school, but everything started to be very difficult. I had to get my permanent residence card or I could be deported anytime; I had to pay for my classes because almost all the schools that offered free classes were on their way to being closed. So I didn't waste any time. I did my best.

Thankfully I got my permanent residency after 3 years, even though it was extremely difficult. Now I was ready to follow my dream, go to school and become a nurse one day. I knew that I had the courage and the faith in myself to accomplish this dream. I was taking English class at one of the commercial schools in NY because all the free schools I knew had closed.

After some time, I had so many challenges to face, and I had to go through it all alone with no help. At this point, I was no longer able to pay the school. I decided to move here to Vermont because of all the good things I heard about this wonderful state. After I moved here, I welcomed my baby girl. Then I heard about Vermont Adult Learning. I was so excited because it is free. For me, that meant that now I would be able to earn my high school diploma and go to college to pursue my dream.

So I brought my daughter with me and walked through the doors of Vermont Adult Learning, this school of hope. I got all the answers I was looking for, and I took the entry test. I started taking different classes, and I am even taking a class at CCV that was paid by Vermont Adult Learning toward my high-school completion. Soon I am going to graduate. I can't believe that I'm close to making my dream become true.

Thank you to Vermont Adult Learning and to all the teachers and workers who do their best to help us. Thank you to the state of Vermont. May God bless this country.