

## Microsoft Unlimited Potential – Success Stories



### Elsie

Elsie relocated to Melbourne from interstate following the sudden death of her husband. In an attempt to start rebuilding her life she made contact with The Smith Family and was soon after invited to the local UP centre.

Despite working in an office prior to starting a family, Elsie had lost all confidence in her abilities and felt intimidated by changing technology. This all began to change when, with the help of her tutor, Elsie was able to trace her family tree back 4 generations. She also learnt a number of other skills and is well on her way to attaining her Certificate 2 in Information Technology.

### James and Mary

Nine year old James and his mum Mary live in a housing commission property and cannot afford to have a computer at home. Instead they come together to the weekly computer club. The group is aimed at children and James always has to finish his school work first, however parents are encouraged to stay and experiment with the technology.

James is very bright, learns quickly and Mary can see that this is a wonderful chance to develop his educational options. She also learning a lot herself and hopes that she might one day be able to volunteer at the local Financial Community Co-op and qualify for a discounted home loan. This will give James and Mary the chance to one day own their own home.

### Sandra

Sandra has a solid background in the areas of visual arts and a strong desire to share her skills and experience with deaf children. Unfortunately she was lacking in the confidence to make this happen. Through The Smith Family's Collingwood UP Centre, Sandra has learned to develop a resume, search job sites and produce correspondence to help her secure employment. She is now sharing her passion for the arts with deaf kids in her new position at the Victorian School for Deaf Children Inc.

*"I have learnt so much in such a short time, and I am learning at my own pace, which is much easier."*

Unlimited Potential participant, Elsie

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