

Hello everyone,

I am Judy, a 54 year old client of BESB, and have been a client since 1987. BESB has helped me so much over the years, when I had low vision, keeping me fit with proper glasses, and teaching me how to use my first computer in 1998, so that I could do my husband's book keeping.

Five years ago my eyesight suddenly became very bad quickly, and BESB was there to send me to the Carroll Center for 3 months , 3 years ago, where I saw other blind people for the first time in my life, . I learned how to work in the kitchen, do sewing tasks, and really felt like I had hope for the future.

These past 3 years i have started my own business working with children, and have been learning Jaws extensively with a totally blind computer teacher who is awesome. No matter what my issues have been over the years, BESB has been there in a very prompt manner to send the right department to me; adult services for my home management, setting up a business plan for my business, and my counselor is right on top of my case and gives me guidance and important information as soon as I need it.

I have gained so much and am still gaining so much from all the people at BESB who are blind or partially blind and were once in my shoes. BESB is a rock for me, and I write this to ask that BESB not be split up. I know so many people in other states whaere their services don't even come close to what BESB provides for me.

Please keep BESB the way it is, so that other people after me will be able to benefit, too, so incredibly as I have.

Thank you for considering me and all those yet to come in my same footsteps.

Judy Potter