

per week. Donna hired a tutor to give me extra support for a while. It was great. I was learning. I made a commitment to stay with it.

I love going to Sacred Heart. My teacher Barb and I have a routine. I make a sentence and I say it into a tape recorder. Barb then writes the sentence and we work on each new word. I make my own dictionary with my new words.

I'm doing so well that I now read in my church on Sundays. When my sister Patty got married I asked her if I could read at her wedding. At first she said no. A friend at church asked me to read on a special occasion. Another friend told my sister that I did a good job. After that she asked me to read at her wedding. My relatives said I did a good job.

I do not have many problems at work. I can read my duties. I can go to P.D. days and I can participate in what's going on because I can read some of the notes and I can write notes. I can now read books. I learn more now. I can be more independent because I can read signs in the community. I can help children to read. I feel good about myself because I can do it. I love learning to read. It increases my vocabulary and this helps me to express my feelings and my thoughts better. I am President of People First in Hamilton. I can now write my own agenda for the meetings and I can read letters from other groups that come to me. I read these letters to my group. There are words I don't know yet. I get stuck sometimes but people help me. I keep practising.