

Over the past 12 months, we have shared with you the story of Queen, from her application to the Community Partners in Health Professions (CPHP) program at Project Hope, to her completion of the program and start of a new job at Tufts Health Plan. Equipped to manage a new life in the workplace, Queen plans for the long-term and gives back to others. You can see previous installments of Queen's journey at [www.prohope.org/success.htm](http://www.prohope.org/success.htm). To view an article featuring Queen that appeared in Spare Change, please visit [www.prohope.org/news.htm](http://www.prohope.org/news.htm).

## A Year in the Life: Queen's Journey

### Part Four - Thriving

It's been three months since Queen completed CPHP and started at Tufts Health Plan. She loves her new job. Her supervisors are helpful, and the company culture is welcoming and supportive. Jennifer, her CPHP instructor, had given her information on what to expect on the first day – lots of information, training, and a new environment. Queen had the information she needed to transition herself, and her children, to her new role as a working mother.

She is ready for this next chapter in her life. Today, Queen is considering her future path. Her family is making plans for her oldest son, age 15, to go to college. She is proud that her son recently started his first job in a local supermarket, is working hard and saving his earnings. She would like to buy a home. Tufts offers a home buying class and financial consultation, and Queen intends to take advantage of both of these benefits from her employer. She would like to grow professionally, and explore the many career options at her job.



Queen, keynote speaker at Project Hope's 2015 Rise & Shine Breakfast.

She and her family are thriving, she feels fulfilled by her job, and she is happy.

Queen continues to meet with her WDEP case manager. When she was in training, she joined the Speakers Bureau, and comes back to Project Hope for workshops on communication and public speaking.

The impact of CPHP on the lives of participants like Queen goes far beyond getting and keeping a job. CPHP is a chance for people to reinvent themselves, to rebuild confidence and self-esteem, and reignite hopes for a better future. At Project Hope, we deeply believe that people facing seemingly insurmountable barriers need not be defined by their present situation, but can transform their lives, with education, training, and support.

**Thank you for journeying with Queen over this past year. We hope you find inspiration and hope in her story.**