



Three years ago Sue suffered a subarachnoid cerebral aneurysm and was not expected to recover. Fortunately, her physical condition improved beyond all expectations, but her cognitive functioning was greatly diminished and her identity shattered from the loss of a career which was the center of her life. Sue had been a teacher for 30 years and was no longer able to return to the profession she loved.

After several months of confusion, anguish and depression Sue sought help from CP Rochester's Behavioral Counseling Services. So began an emotional but productive struggle to regain her sense of self-worth. Sue enrolled herself in our Traumatic Brain Injury Structured Day Program where she has worked her way through a series of personal goals and has also been able to provide support to her fellow TBI day program participants.

Occupational, physical and speech therapies from CP Rochester's out-patient clinic have restored abilities that she thought were lost. Her greatest achievement, however, is a return to the classroom. She has taken on the role of Teacher's Aid in the Adult Basic Education class. Her self-esteem has returned as a glint in her eye and a smile that shines when one of her students successfully reaches a goal.