

# Rebuilding Lives

## Success Stories

### **LINDA has the ‘job of a lifetime’**

Linda says she “needed to be healed deep down inside,” and the therapy she receives at Community Healthlink “is fabulous.” “Now I’m a productive person, not the bum I used to be.”

The Homelink program at Community Healthlink helped Linda secure affordable housing in Worcester. Caseworkers pointed Linda to a job opportunity that has become “the best job I’ve ever had in my life.”

For more than a year Linda has been the chef at **Abby’s House**, Worcester. She prepares meals daily for 30 or more women. “I create the menus, I do the purchasing, I’m in charge of sanitation...I basically run the whole show,” she beams. Her credentials and past experience included work as a chef for a corporate food service. Her mental illness and alcoholism led to job termination.

“When I was interviewed at Abby’s I asked them, please don’t hold it against me. Instead they welcomed me with open arms,” she says with immense gratitude.

