



Opening New Doors: Doug's Journey

For Doug Dimmig, education once felt out of reach.

As a young father, he left high school to care for his children. Years later, as a single parent navigating a divorce, the idea of finishing his education, or advancing at work, seemed impossible.

That began to change when Doug connected with the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks, for help made possible through United Way of Berks County and donors like you.

Balancing work, parenting, and school wasn't easy, but with encouragement and the right resources, Doug took the first step. In just eight months, he earned his GED, something he once believed he couldn't achieve.

That milestone opened the door to even more opportunity: college. Fast forward, Doug earned dual associate degrees in business management and accounting, positioning himself for greater financial stability and future growth. He is also giving back as a volunteer, helping others who are starting their own journey.

Because of a community that believes in second chances, Doug is no longer choosing between supporting his family and improving his future.

He's doing both.



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