

## **Against All Odds: The Denise Frank Story**

### **How Possible Woman Scholarships Can Make Dreams Come True For Mature Women At Crossroads in Careers and in Life**

*Non-traditional Scholarships to be Presented at May 2<sup>nd</sup> Possible Woman Conference*

Atlanta, GA (March 22, 2007) --Despite the odds Denise Frank harbored a secret dream—to become a Pediatric Nurse. Her prospects seemed bleak: Denise had dropped out of school at age 15 to escape a difficult single parent home. At age 23, she was in an abusive marriage, with two children to care for. Nonetheless, her desire to become a nurse remained strong, and she courageously determined to go after it.

After leaving her husband, Denise supported herself and her children in a menial job, obtaining a GED, and went on to a vocational school. There, she graduated as valedictorian, and soon had become a Patient Care Assistant. Still, her dream seemed out of reach—until she won a 2006 scholarship from the Possible Woman Foundation that allowed her to enroll at Maric College, where she is now working towards her nursing degree.

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Between her job, her classes and clinical rotations, this determined nursing student is putting in 12 hour days, seven days a week. Nonetheless, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. As she relates: “I can now see the better future I so desperately wanted for myself and my children. Every time I step into that hospital I know why I am there I appreciate this scholarship. I think everyone is capable of great things: they just need the support of others to help them achieve it.”

The Possible Woman organization celebrates ten years this spring with its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women’s Leadership Development Conference, “Dare to Dream”, an all event on Wednesday, May 2 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. As founder and CEO Linda Wind reports: “The conferences have grown in scope, size and location over the decade to truly fulfill our mission of ‘making a unique and significant difference in the lives of women.’. In addition to inspiring professional and corporate women and helping to provide them with the skills and resolve needed to break through the glass ceiling, these conferences have provided funding for scholarships that have made a significant impact in the lives of wonderful women like Denise Frank.”

Providing academic scholarships for women wishing to return to school to better their lives and the lives of their families was an outgrowth of the annual Possible Woman conference. As Ms. Wind explains: “While there were plenty of scholarships available for kids entering college, we saw a real need to make financial assistance available to women who may not have followed a traditional path, yet want to pursue an education to better their lot in life. That was the beginning of the Possible Woman Foundation International and its scholarships. Over the past few years, dozens of women like Denise have benefited from the scholarships. ”

Besides supporting these scholarships, the Possible Woman Conference typically draws more than 1,200 women together to learn from each other as they also build valuable business relationships. Inspirational speakers for the May event include Marta Sahagun

de Fox, former first lady of Mexico and social activist; Colonel Eileen Collins, astronaut and Atlanta's own TV personality; Judge Glenda Hatchett, and MATRIX Resources CEO, Jim Huling. Panels and seminars round out the day, which is designed for women at all stages of their careers, corporate or entrepreneurial.

For more information , or to register, call (888 663 4767) or log on to [www.possiblewoman.com](http://www.possiblewoman.com).

**About Possible Woman Leadership Conferences**

Offering world-class business conferences and corporate training programs targeting women and men corporate executives and those heading women-owned companies, PWE's signature event, the annual "Dare to Dream" [Women's Leadership Development Conference](#), attracts powerful women for a day of learning and networking. This cost-effective training venue attracts corporate and professional women. A portion of conference proceeds benefits the [Possible Woman Foundation International](#), awarding academic scholarships to older women returning to the workplace. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Atlanta is sponsored by Title Sponsors the New AT&T and UPS along with Platinum, American Airlines; Gold, Southern Company; and Silver Atlanta Magazine, Leadership America, IBM, WE Women's Enterprise and P&G Pharmaceuticals.

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