

LIVE LIFE PRIORITIES FIRST

One year ago, I was in dire need of a change. I had recently obtained my dream job as a high school guidance counselor and loved it; however, my life was not my own. I found myself stuck in a tiresome daily routine. Every morning, I would have to drag my children out of bed and send them off to school, get myself to work reeling with guilt and worry, come home to make dinner, help with homework, give baths, only to have to do it all over again the following day. Weekends were filled with grocery shopping, house-cleaning, doing laundry and all the chores to get ready for the next week. I cannot tell you how many times that year I lost my cell phone, purse, ran out of gas and more. My life was spinning out of control. That Christmas break in 2004, I knew my life was not where I wanted it to be. In a moment of clarity, it came to me that my lack of satisfaction came from not living my life according to my priorities and convictions.

Finding a balance between being a good wife and mother, and making a good living did not seem possible. My husband is a fire-fighter and I was a teacher. It was discouraging to know that we would always live paycheck to paycheck and would never be able to give our children what our parents had given us. I remember telling my husband, "I just cannot do my life anymore." He asked what I wanted to do and I told him Arbonne. Arbonne became my ray of hope for a different life. Knowing with Arbonne I could finally change our reality, I was able to get through the next five months of working full time. My husband and I deliberated over the decision for me to take a leave of absence. There was a lot of comfort and security in my position with the school district, not to mention the fact that I truly loved what I did. But, we also knew that if we did



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not do something different, nothing would change. My dad came up with the magic words that gave us the courage to try when he stated, "Jump and the net will appear." One year after taking that leap, I am writing my *Eye on Arbonne* success story.

I want to encourage anyone stuck in a rut, and frustrated with the way their life is going, to take that leap of faith and believe. In my moments of doubt, I would repeat what my big sister, NVP Christy Aldrich, would say, "Carrie, the only way not to make this business work is to quit." I also want everyone to ask themselves the question I have heard President Rita Davenport, ask, "Rather than asking yourself what if it does not work, ask yourself what if it does?" If you

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The Johnson family: Husband Mark; son, Jacob; daughter, McKenzie and Carrie.



McKenzie and Jacob.

Carrie's Why: Mark, Jacob and McKenzie.



success strategy:

“ Know your priorities, set your goals and make it happen. ”

will just begin dreaming again and make the changes in your life that you need and deserve, you can have the life of your dreams!

In the last year, I have learned there are no coincidences. Everything happens for a reason! It is no accident that you are reading this story right now, just as it was no accident that my sister sat next to ENVP Donna Johnson on a flight on her way to visiting me in August of 2003. At the time, she had never heard of Arbonne and was very intrigued by what Donna had to say. When Christy started her Arbonne business, she tried for over a year to convince me to do it with her but I was very skeptical. I was probably her biggest critic because, at first, I would not even try the product. I told her that I liked what I was using. When I visited her in Oregon, I finally gave in and tried the NutriMinC® RE² line for the first time. I loved the way it made my skin feel. Arbonne is different from all the rest and all you have to do to convince someone of this is to get it on their skin, and let them experience it for themselves. I sat through a few of my sister's skin care Presentations during that trip, which I am sure was no coincidence either. I was astounded at the information I learned. Having a mother who died of breast cancer when I was young made me do additional research to learn more about what Arbonne products could do to protect my family's health and wellness. I became a Consultant, so I could purchase my products at the discount and eventually I became an advocate of the pure, safe, beneficial philosophy. A year later, I went from a product consumer to a business builder.

There are so many people I want to thank, people who were instrumental in helping me turn my life around and improve the future outlook for myself and my family.

First and foremost, to my husband, Mark: Thank you for believing in me and taking a leap of faith. To my big sister, NVP Christy Aldrich: I could not have done this without your constant coaching and support. I love being in business with you! To my parents, dad and Joyce: Thank you for being our cheerleaders, our best Clients and



AM Michelle Cullen, AM Diana Anderson, DM Karla Horn and DM Cyndi Anderson at an Arbonne opportunity meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

now our business partners. To my in-laws, Sharon and Wayne: Thank you for always picking up the pieces.

To ENVPs Donna Johnson and Dianne Partee: Thank you both for being such an incredible upline!

I could not have done this without my team and I cannot wait for each of them to experience this amazing feeling. To my first business builder, EAM Michelle Cullen: I cherish the memories of us starting together. I also want to thank your husband, Tony Cullen, my boss at the time, for supporting me in my goals and dreams. To AM Diana Anderson: You are an awesome woman. To DM Cyndi Anderson: I admire your strength. To DM Susan Cribbs: You are my cherished gift. To my spiritual mentor, DM Karla Horn: You have rocked my world! To DM Cindy May: You are on fire, lady! To DM Stacey Shaw: You are a go-getter! To our California team composed of DMs, Janet McGrath, Justine Barrett, Linda Fagrell and Kristi Duval: I cannot wait to meet you in person.

To all our new business builders: I am blessed with your friendship and cannot wait for your businesses to boom. To all my Consultants who purchase product at the discount: Thank you for your orders, support, referrals and your friendship.

To Founder Petter Mørck, President Rita Davenport, Chairman & CEO Bob Henry, Sr. VP Product Development & Field Events, Candace Keefe, and the rest of the Executive Team at Arbonne: Thank you for giving me my life back with the ability to work from home and live my priorities first!

ENVP Dianne Partee, ENVP Donna Johnson, sister, NVP Christy Aldrich and Carrie at Areas in Paradise 2006.

Carrie, President Rita Davenport and sister, NVP Christy Aldrich at Areas in Paradise 2006.



Sister, NVP Christy Aldrich; Carrie, EAM Michelle Cullen and AM Diana Anderson at NTC 2005 Las Vegas.

