



FSS the Push Gossard Needed



Samantha Gossard, a recent FSS program graduate, earned her associate degree from Southeast Community College and now works as a CNA at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.

Four years ago, as a single mother going to school, Samantha Gossard knew she needed a little help. When she heard about Lincoln Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency program, she thought it could be the push she needed. Gossard contacted LHA and met with Elizabeth Redhage, FSS caseworker. She enrolled in the program and, in May, Gossard earned her FSS diploma.

"The program is very helpful," she said. "It's something that really keeps you on track." Gossard said Redhage helped her with "all sorts of things," including looking for a house and helping her get good advisors while in school.

"It really helped me because Elizabeth was wonderful," Gossard said. "She really kept me on target and made sure she kept me motivated to finish what I started."

Gossard said she would not hesitate to recommend the FSS program to anyone she knows needing assistance. Originally from Lincoln, Gossard graduated with her associate degree in human service from Southeast Community College in Lincoln. She works as a certified nursing assistant at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in the St. Anthony's program for Alzheimer's patients.

Gossard has two sons and two stepsons. She, her husband Zane and their sons are baseball fans, and enjoy going to games. She also spends her free time making scrapbooks, a hobby she began out of necessity. "I had so many pictures of my kids, I ran out of room in the photo albums," she said. "I needed somewhere new to put them, so scrapbooks seemed like the logical choice."