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What Inspires You?

Dear Julie,

I can be having the worst day in the world and then I will sit down and work with one of our clients...and I am reminded that my problems are "first-world" problems.

Everyday I work with people who are facing homelessness, domestic abuse, extreme poverty, and more. Often, they are people who are facing these things after fleeing their own country due to warfare, torture, or unlawful imprisonment.

You might think this work would be depressing, and sometimes it can be difficult. But usually, it's inspiring. It's inspiring because even in the face of tremendous obstacles and hardship, our clients keep coming to Daily Work for help.

And that's why we keep sharing their stories with you... Their dedication inspires me to keep inviting you to get to know us better. Because the help that we give really is changing lives for the better. Our support is helping people live better lives. Not only with less pain and anguish, but with more time and money to give back, pay taxes, and be full participants in life.

Next time you need some inspiration, come on down to Daily Work. We'd love to show you around and introduce you to some of the people who are living better lives, thanks to you.

Thank you for being a friend to Daily Work. Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season!

Julie

PS: Don't miss Lee and Yer's inspiring stories (below)!



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So why do some people struggle more than others?



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