

# Robin's Story

## My Job at the Grand Union

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It was a lot of meetings and being on a waiting list before I moved into my apartment in February 2006.

As time went by I started getting really bored and feeling depressed again, sleeping a lot because I had nothing else to do.

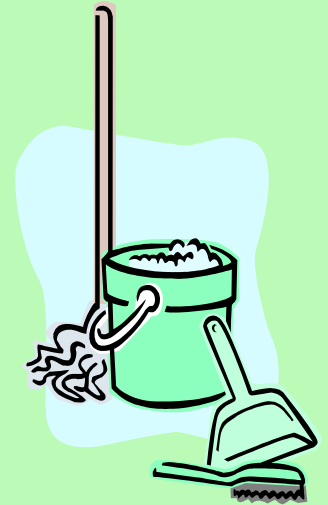


So one day my old property manager asked how everything was going. I told her I wanted a job and to do something with my life.

I've worked at other jobs, like housekeeping and washing dishes. I never thought with my low job skills I could do anything else.



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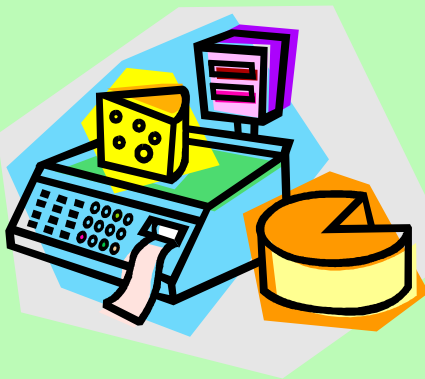


*I used to always be depressed thinking I would have to live at home forever, never having an independent life or a social life with friends.*

# Then what happened?

So I filled out an application for a deli position at the Grand Union in Hardwick. I started the job on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006. This was my first experience ever working in a grocery store.

This is the longest job I've ever had and I still look forward to going to work and doing the best I can. Sometimes I still forget things, but who doesn't.



I'm proud of what I've accomplished so far and how far I've come. I'm still going to accomplish more things but it doesn't happen overnight.

My bosses are wonderful and they care about their employees and customers like family. They always encourage me and tell me I'm doing a terrific job and I'm very dependable.



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My coworkers always treat me with respect. That is also how I found my boyfriend. On May 2, 2007 it will make it a year we've been together. So you can even find love working in a grocery store.

## What's next for Robin?

I don't plan on spending the rest of my life at Grand Union but for now I'm happy having a job and earning my own money. I'm not very sure what my dream job would be, but my next step might be studying for my LNA and driver's ed.

### Timeline:

- ✓ Decided to move into apartment
- ✓ Had a lot of meetings
- ✓ Put on the waiting list for an apartment
- ✓ Moved into own apartment in February 2006
- ✓ Conversation with apartment manager inspires Robin to look for a job
- ✓ Filled out application at Grand Union
- ✓ Started job April 3, 2006
- ✓ Met boyfriend on May 2, 2006
- ✓ Still working at the Grand Union
- ✓ Hopes to get her driver's license and LNA training to work in a hospital



# What can we learn from Robin?



What were some of the things that got in the way of Robin getting a job?

What problems did she overcome?

**And you?**

What obstacles are you facing getting a job?

How did Robin overcome her obstacles?



**And you?**

What could help *you* overcome the things that are getting in the way of you getting a job?



**And you?**

What are some of the things that Robin likes best about her job?

What do *you* want to get out of a job?



What does Robin see for her future?

**And you?**

How about you? What do you see in *your* future?