



# POWER Inspires Progress

Good Friend,

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Before the Holiday Season draws to an end and we close the books on the year, I wanted to share one more gift with you. It is simply a short story direct from the kitchens at Power Inspires Progress (P.I.P.) and Venice on Vine. It is just one story!

## Saeedah's story . . .

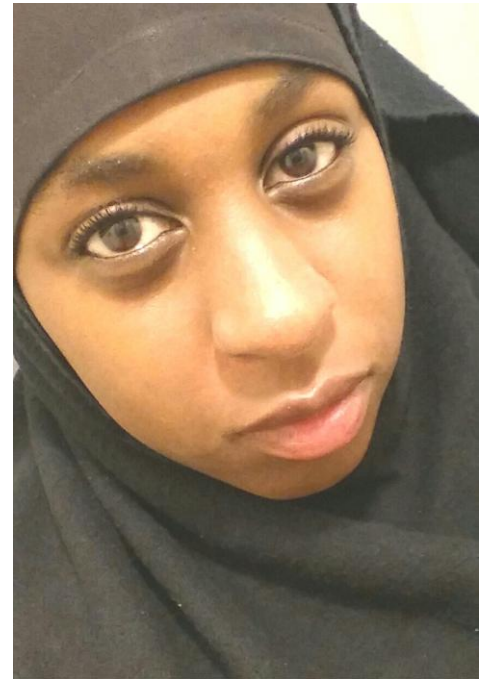
Saeedah came to Venice on Vine with no work experience and a great deal of anxiety around entering the workforce. Her family had created a protected environment and she had primarily been home schooled.

She was particularly anxious about the possibility of working as part of a workplace team and inter-acting with the public.

However, by the time Saeedah graduated from P.I.P./ Venice she had been transformed and was confidently functioning as a team/shift leader and had learned to enjoy serving the public. In fact, as Saeedah began to consider potential work placements she intentionally sought out positions that called for highly developed customer service skills and interaction with the public.

Saeedah has recently left P.I.P. / Venice on Vine. She is utilizing her newly acquired skill and her many other talents in her job at The Cheesecake Factory.

At Saeedah's graduation from P.I.P. / Venice staff described her as "A butterfly which they had watched come from out of her cocoon." For those of us who have known Saeedah it has been a real treat to watch her take flight.



There are many of these types of stories that are apart of P.I.P. The folks at P.I.P. / Venice know how lucky we are to be part of this work. We are indebted to many others who have made these stories possible.

On behalf of Sister Judy, myself, and all at P.I.P. we are grateful to you for your continued interest and generous support of these efforts. I hope we can count upon your support in the future.

With hope and wishes for a wonderful New Year,

Mark Shannon, Executive Director  
Power Inspires Progress / Venice on Vine