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"Why I love my job."

Winston Churchill once stated, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." My professional life began in sales, a job that made a living by what I got in achieving sales. Today, I make a living by what I give in the form of hope. You could say I love my work because it is really not work. For me it is a way of giving life back to those who feel hopeless in their lives. Today, I tell people I am selling them on themselves. As a Marriage and Family therapist and an addictions counselor, it is my job to provide a service that will bring understanding and a sense of peace in someone's life and in that process I receive a sense of peace and hope as well. Many clients come to counseling when they have run out of options and need answers to their problems. It is my belief that people have the answers within them, but what they require is someone that will listen and ask the right questions to elicit a solution. There is always a solution to a problem and that is where hope lies.

We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Congratulations Toni, from everyone at Community Health Network.



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