

Financial conference inspires Corning resident to pay down debt

By Lisa Sterlace, *Corning participant*

Because of the information that I received at CCE-Stauben's Women's Financial Conference, I took a good look at my own household. I was not always good about paying bills on time, and the late fees on those late payments

really can add up! I also made the decision to take on a second job. My "side hustle" income is now being used to pay down credit card debt. So far this has helped us pay off two credit cards. What an eye opener it was to see where our debt was!

Another key decision I made was to have my will updated. There are important reasons to update your will. My will has been updated to change with our circumstances, which now have my older daughters caring for their younger sister.

I learned to ask questions of my parents: *Where is their will kept? What are their wishes when they pass away?* These questions are important to ask, even if they are uncomfortable. Make a commitment to set aside money regularly towards your retirement early in your working life. Even an amount as small as \$25 each paycheck

will help. You won't miss it and the money will grow to provide a future for you. I have started to get my house organized. I checked out the many websites I learned about at the Women's Conference for ideas. I began with a 52-week decluttering plan online that addresses every area of my home. The daily mini tasks help you reach your goals. While I have not implemented everything that I learned yet, **I have taken a huge leap towards financial stability and organization in my household. Just take that first step.**

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