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## Dorothy

Dorothy was a self-employed midwife who joined Forever to top up her pension. The result was better than she could have imagined...

My husband and I had role-swapped when he was made redundant and then couldn't find employment. He took care of the children and all the domestic stuff while I went out to bring in the money. I was a self-employed (independent) midwife and my passion was working with women to provide continuity of care and to help them give birth the way they wanted. I was on call for them 24/7 and absolutely loved it. However, getting a mortgage as a self-employed woman was impossible so I took a job at Southbank University. Two full-time jobs didn't leave much time for anything else, and then in my fifties I began to dread the night calls. When I considered retirement and my pension, I couldn't see a way of making the income we needed. With a mortgage to pay off, daughters to put through university and life to live, I realised that my NHS pension of £43 a week wouldn't go far. I felt sick with worry about the future.

Sceptically and somewhat reluctantly I joined Forever in April 2001 to prove my friend wrong about aloe and network marketing. She had said it would be a good way to 'top up' my pension. I didn't believe it, but she proved me wrong! I was delighted by what I discovered.

I love the ethical people-centred nature of the company. I love the way each person is encouraged to dream their own dreams and plan their own business. I was impressed by the 'high flyers' in the company but knew that was not what I wanted. I didn't have the commitment, the dedication, the energy or the desire; my passion had been women and birthing – not aloe vera and a huge income!

At first I worked to earn enough so I could drop the university job. When I was made redundant I was relieved to have the replacement income and also more time to work on my Forever business. Within three years we created the equivalent of a very good NHS pension and I was able to retire from midwifery. Achieving incentives helped to pay off the mortgage and has given us global travel. Our daughters have grown, flown the nest and have their own good jobs and lives – I don't feel like I need to support them so we have the income to give to causes that are dear to our hearts.

I learnt early on that Forever teaches us so much: how to dream, how to plan and business skills that are transferable. Many of the people I have sponsored use Forever as a stepping stone to learn those skills and move on to their true passion. I call this success. I love that Forever allows this and that we have our business owner ID forever!

Forever has paid me month-in and month-out for more than twelve years now and I'm so, so grateful to the company for what they provide and for the excellent team who I work alongside. You won't see me on stage, you won't see my name fly up the Marketing Plan, you won't see me at the big parties – that's not what I'm about. I do however love that Forever has delivered more than I could have ever imagined.



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Well done.

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**Dorothy Norris**

Thank you xx

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Beautiful!!

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**Dorothy Norris**

Thanks! Thank you for getting me read it again! xx

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**Jan Price**

Wonderfull

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**Dorothy Norris**

Thank you! I didn't realize you were around 2 years ago!!! How time flies!

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**Giorgia Stewart**

Aww great story and inspirational too x

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Thank you! You have your own wonderful success stories! xx

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