

1). In the past five years have you had to work a second job while working at the University? If yes, why?

I have worked a second job while working at the University of Minnesota because I have bills to pay, a family to support, and other expenses. Even though I worked full time at the University, the overall income was too low.

2). While working here have you needed to borrow money or use a credit card to make ends meet?

While working at the University of Minnesota, I have to borrow money and use credit card to charge my ends meet. I use credit card to pay bills and purchase gas so that I can go to work. I borrowed at least \$300 a month to pay electricity bills, especially when the price of gas had risen from 35-50%; I have to borrow money frequently. I can only afford to buy my clothes from Savers and Goodwill. My family (spouse, and two children) also wears Savers and Goodwill clothing. I can't afford to buy expensive clothing, so my children do wear free clothing from church. I'm in debt and very stressful because I use my credit card to buy gas, and pay bills; I charge more than what I can pay back.

3). If you made a livable wage, what would you be able to do that you can't do now? (In 2003 the Jobs Now Coalition estimated that the hourly wage needed to meet monthly basic needs for a family consisting of one adult with 2 children was \$19.46)

If I live a livable wage, I won't have to borrow money every month, be able to stop charging. I will be able to fix my car without charging by using credit card, be able to support my family in a better environment, stop being in debt. Don't have to go without nutritious foods because right now my family and I just eat whatever we can find, such as can foods and ramen noodles. Cheap stuff. I will also have more time to spend with my family.

4). At your present salary, what do you go without?

At my present salary, I go without diapers sometimes, nutritious foods, prescription medicine, prescription glasses, etc...