## **CLIENT SPOTLIGHT** Local graduates who have benefitted from our programs.





## **MEET NETTE**

In 2015 Nette found her life had taken an unexpected turn. The recent loss of her husband had left her unable to maintain the organic farm they had operated together for 15 years while raising their three children. Despite Nette's extensive background working as an executive assistant to senior business leaders, she was not hearing back on any job applications and found herself limited to on-call work. Nette first learned about our online AWDD program at a local career fair and realized how updating her skills in the tech sector could improve her prospects for securing full-time work. The flexibility of the online AWDD program gave Nette the ability to care for her children while upgrading her technology skills. Nette proved her talents during and after the program, creating impressive websites for local nonprofit organizations. Today Nette is employed with **School District #8** as a full-time administrative assistant and credits Make A Change Canada as fundamental to her continued success.

## **MEET JOHNNY**

Johnny has always had a talent for finding the beauty in his surroundings. Over time, he developed an interest in photography, which eventually led him to the online AWDD program at Make A Change Canada. Johnny enjoyed applying his creative talents through web design while gaining the technical skills and career focus necessary to confidently pursue a career in digital photography. Today Johnny can't say enough about the help he received through Make A Change Canada. The staff was always there to support him, were patient, and created a positive place for learning. To see Johnny's stunning and original photography, visit his **Visions of Nature** page on Facebook (@johnnypooch) or **https://youpic.com/photographer/JohnnyPucci**.





## **MEET FERN**

In 2010 the company Fern was working with closed, giving her the opportunity to pursue her dream of working from home. With two children in elementary school, she longed to utilize her natural talents and develop her own technology-based design business that would allow her to have a flexible schedule. Living rurally and caring for her family posed a challenge when it came to finding a suitable avenue to upgrade her professional skills. When Fern found the online AWDD program at Make A Change Canada she knew it was the perfect fit. After graduation, Fern secured a role as the national campaign manager for Martial Arts for Justice but also continued to build her client base on the side. Today she leads **Spring Creative Digital and Design** (springcreative.ca) a branding agency providing services to clients across the province. Fern credits her success to a lot of hard work, unwavering determination, and the amazing team of professionals she works with daily.

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