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LOCAL MOM CAN'T AFFORD TO WORK

Palmyra, VA – Would you send your children to childcare for 45 hours per week so that you could work 40 hours per week to make a measly \$3.80 per hour? Of course not, you say. But Leslie Truex, a stay and work-at-home mom in Palmyra Virginia felt the same way until she learned that was exactly what she was doing. Truex reports that when she had her children she wanted to stay home but didn't think her family could live on her husband's salary alone. By chance she came across an article outlining the myth of dual income families. When she ran the numbers, she discovered that of her \$28,000 per year salary as a social worker, \$20,100 paid for work-related expenses. "It was discouraging to learn that I worked 40 hours a week to bring home \$7,900 a year which equates to \$658 a month or about \$3.80 an hour."

According to Truex, many families that would like to have an at-home parent fail to recognize all the expenses related to a second income. These expenses include the obvious such as childcare and commuting. But there are a host of other expenses such as taxes, car payment on a second car with additional insurance and property tax, clothing expenses such as dry cleaning and professional clothes, dining out, social groups at work, convenience foods and vending machines, and guilt items. She adds that there are some families that pay more to work than they actually bring home.

But, Truex cautions people from quitting their jobs to stay home until they run the numbers. "While my income only contributed \$7,900 per year to that family, like many families in the United States, we lived beyond our means. It cost too much to work but, I couldn't completely afford to quit either." Truex found the answer in working at home which she has done in real estate, marketing, online freelance work, and currently as a part-time telecommuting social worker and home business owner.

Truex shares her lessons and provides great resources to help other families at her website Work-At-Home Success <http://www.workathomesuccess.com> . Now celebrating six years online, the website provides help on how to calculate work related-expenses as well as helping people find a way to earn additional income from home. She offers a free Afford to Stay Home manual

and eJobs from Home guide to all subscribers of her online newsletter which provides "how-to" articles, work-at-home job announcements, and other helpful resources.

For more information, please visit Work-At-Home Success online at

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