

Theresa was born 47 years ago in Homer, Alaska; she then moved to Anchorage, then Arizona, and finally, to Oregon.

“Oregon is my favorite place – it’s beautiful, has lots of rain, and I have a lot of friends here.”

She lives with her mom and works at Edwards Enterprises on a project for a cable company. At one time, Theresa worked for Norm Thompson (“I wrote a story about that in my journal at one of my Write Around Portland sessions!”) and is looking forward to a new job in the community.

“I like to keep busy helping out in the workshop and developing more skills.”

**Your mom discovered Write Around Portland at Edwards Center. You were eager to participate, she said. Why is that?**

I wanted to tell some of my stories, and I wanted to be in a book. I love to tell stories. I have a huge imagination. My mom bought six books for her friends!!

**What was your favorite thing about the writing sessions?**

I liked hearing others’ stories. I have to say when I wrote about St. Jude’s [Children’s Hospital] the group listened and were interested [in the fundraising I do for them every year]. I also enjoyed when we used the white board and the group built stories and sentences. I really enjoyed that and always had ideas to share.

**What did you learn about yourself as a writer in the workshop?**

The sessions went fast. I learned that it is OK to dream and write them down!

**How did you feel as I read your story about your job at Norms at the anthology party?**

I felt happy, [and I] laughed at some of the phrases I used in my story. The story you read reminded me of my friends Elsie, Susie, and Terry. I also enjoyed hearing other stories; I like stories!



Theresa (right) with her workshop facilitator, Chris.