


Recharge YOUR life

Take a sabbatical from your job to volunteer, earn a degree, or rejuvenate your outlook. Find out how these people made it happen. BY JAMES McCOMMONS PHOTOGRAPHS BY JASON DAILEY



Tevis Taylor mapped out goals, materials, and a location for an urban children's computer skills program. She just lacked one key tool that stopped her from implementing the program: time. So the 47-year-old sales executive for Xerox took a nine-month paid social service leave, which the company offered under a policy that gave sabbaticals to employees who work for a nonprofit agency. Now that she had the time she needed, in 2005 Tevis began to teach computer skills and reading literacy to pre-school children in East St. Louis, Illinois, one of the country's poorest urban areas.

A Xerox employee since 1980, Tevis began volunteering part-time during college. "Before this, I was really busy with career

Tevis Taylor's dream of creating a computer and literacy program for children came true, thanks to a sabbatical she took from her job.

