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Creating financial security in a changing world

Case Study: Widowed early with young children

- Widow a stay at home parent
- Children under 18
- **Financial security**
- **Emotional Support**
- Navigating through the health care system
- Keeping the home
- Reducing debt
- Improving income and lowering expenses while maintaining the standard of living **ALLENGES**
- Investing wisely
 - Assisting the widow on the her journey with her decisions, choices and direction to help create financial security in a changing world
 - Understanding ways to reduce and/or eliminate debt
 - Creating her team of financial experts to address the complexities of her estate, tax, real estate, investments and liability issues
 - College planning
 - **Optimizing Social Security benefits**
 - Financial strategies to improve her financial and income positions

SOLUTIONS

- Emotional support with a clear strategy that is easy to understand and follow
- Claiming the correct benefits at the right time avoids costly mistakes
- Reducing and/or eliminating debt by understanding the complex options and teaming with right specialists
- Investing wisely to provide security and comfort over time
- Creates financial security in a changing world



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CLIENT INFO

- Client is a stay at home parent not wanting to return to workplace
- Children under 18
- Spouse has terminal illness, prognosis under a year

INCOME

• Spouse self employed and unable to provide income during illness

EXPENSES

- Significant unsecured debt
- Mortgage owed equal to value of home and cost to maintain home high
- Cost of providing health care for ailing spouse

FINANCIAL SITUATION

- Life insurance upon death to provide lifetime income
- Little savings
- Small business to be closed and tax issues handled
- Loans against clients small retirement account
- Investments not performing
- No health care plan
- No college plan
- Estate, Tax and Liability needs

RESULTS

- Improved the income by eliminating and reducing debt
- Strategic team of experts put the estate, tax, medical and liability needs in order
- Client able to remain as a stay at home parent
- Family able to remain in the same home
- Provided plan to provide for 4 years of college costs
- Small business closed
- Investment plan put together to deliver lifetime income to spouse
- Optimization of social security benefits provided lifetime income for widow.

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