

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

UNSTOPPABLE

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Field Engineer Katie Geska thought she had the stomach flu or possibly vertigo, but when her nausea, dizziness and cold sweats were diagnosed as multiple sclerosis, she didn't let the often-debilitating disease defeat her.

While continuing to be successful in her engineering role at Columbia Gas, Geska works in the community to raise awareness of the disease. And her co-workers have rallied around the cause, participating in MS walks and raising thousands of dollars for research in hopes of finding a cure.

"Some days are better than others," Geska said, "but what really helps is knowing I have love and support from family, friends and co-workers."

Geska is also a big believer in encouraging young girls to pursue a career in engineering. Columbia Gas supports her efforts by working with organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers, Women in Energy and Women Chemists of Color to encourage diversity in its workforce.

"It is mostly a male-dominated field, which some girls find intimidating, but the reality is there's a lot of opportunity to succeed in this field," Geska said. "I get great satisfaction in doing what some may consider a man's job." ♦



Katie Geska, inset, finds great support from her colleagues at Columbia Gas, who participate in walks and fundraisers to contribute to finding a cure for multiple sclerosis.