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Children of Needy Families Receive Winter Wonderland of Hope at JobTrain

December 22nd– Approximately 161 disadvantaged children will have a memorable holiday thanks to JobTrain. The non-profit received donations from IKEA, Crate & Barrel, Tyco, Robert Half International, Renoir Staffing, Spherion, and Wells Fargo Bank. Students of Castro Valley High School provided gifts and JobTrain Board of Directors and staff granted the holiday wishes of children aged 17 and younger. And Patchen California donated Christmas trees.

The Winter Wonderland will take place at JobTrain, located at 1200 O'Brien Drive in Menlo Park on Tuesday, December 22nd from 11:00am – 1:00pm. Remarkably, 100% of all eligible families at JobTrain will receive gifts for their children on this special day.

JobTrain is the premier non-profit training organization serving the Peninsula since 1965 and provides educational support and employment training to approximately 5,000 clients each year. Despite the national unemployment crisis, JobTrain remains effective in both preparing clients and placing them in sustainable jobs. In the first quarter of FY09, JobTrain placed 86% of their graduates in jobs with an average starting wage of \$17 per hour. JobTrain focuses on training those who are most in need for career jobs. The training center is located on the East Palo Alto / Menlo Park border.

JobTrain, established in 1965 under the OICW affiliation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational and training institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. JobTrain also provides career counseling, job placement services and specialized programs for at-risk youth. The organization is committed to eradicating the community's cycle of homelessness, poverty, substance abuse, unemployment, incarceration, low education levels and crime – all by empowering the individual through education and sustainable employment training. There's no higher premium than recognizing the potential in every JobTrain client.

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