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Bestselling Author Chris Gardner – to Speak at 26th Annual JobTrain Breakfast of Champions

Santa Clara, CA – May 7, 2010, Silicon Valley’s premier non-profit event – The Breakfast of Champions, hosted by JobTrain, will celebrate its 45th anniversary of transforming lives. The occasion will honor the achievements of JobTrain students who’ve transitioned from homelessness, substance abuse, and incarceration to those who’ve benefitted by simply receiving a second chance in life.

Chris Gardner is the author of the 2006 autobiography, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, a *New York Times* and *Washington Post* #1 bestseller that has been translated into fourteen languages. Gardner is also the inspiration for the acclaimed movie “The Pursuit of Happyness” which is the #2 all-time domestic grossing drama. Gardner will be the recipient of the 2010 Champion of the Year Award and deliver the keynote speech to an estimated 1,000 guests.

Other notable celebrities of the upcoming Breakfast include: Food Network Megastar Chef Jeff Henderson; Playwright and community activist Donald Lacy and Comedian Michael Pritchard – to name just a few.

The Breakfast of Champions will take place on **Friday, May 7, 2010** at the **Hyatt Regency Santa Clara** located at **5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, California**. The event starts promptly at **7:30am and concludes by 9:30**.

PLEASE CONTACT KAIL LUBARSKY AT 650.330.6569 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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 at 1200 O’Brien Drive.

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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