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Nonprofit Opens Doors and Provides Real Hope for Unemployed

OCTOBER 8 – JobTrain will open its doors to the community at its annual Open House on Thursday, October 8th from 4:00 to 6:00pm at 1200 O'Brien Drive, Menlo Park. Hewlett-Packard, Bohannon Companies and Wells Fargo are the proud sponsors.

Even with this economic recession, JobTrain has reason to celebrate. **The Bohannon Development Company selected the non-profit to be the “first source” of hiring for new jobs created by the Menlo Gateway Project.** Approximately 1900 construction jobs, 2300 permanent positions and more than 200 hospitality jobs will be made available to JobTrain's Menlo Park clients first.

The Open House is attended by business executives, educators, local government officials and philanthropists, as well as JobTrain alumni, staff, volunteers and current students. The event will feature live Jazz, student-led tours of JobTrain's facility, and delicious food prepared by our award winning Culinary Arts program. Tours will feature all new equipment, recently donated by Hewlett-Packard.

With an increased demand for services created by high unemployment -- and a scarcity of funds resulting from a volatile economy, the timing of JobTrain's 2009 Open House couldn't be more perfect! Hiring agents and HR representatives from local businesses will be on the scene and provide information about prospective employment opportunities.

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.

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