

# JOB TRAIN ON TRACK

*Where potential meets opportunity*



## What's Happening at JobTrain

Above, Building Maintenance Instructor, Curtis, demonstrates items in the take-home Tool Kit provided to each student for the virtual class.

To the left, Medical Assistant students pick up a pizza and goodie bag via JobTrain's drive thru to prepare for their online pizza party to celebrate their graduation.

# Graduate Voice

## Congratulations Medical Assistant Students



**Kelly  
Medical  
Assistant  
(MA)  
Graduate**

*"Due to the pandemic my family lost their jobs. At 19 years old I found myself with the responsibility of providing for my family. I was working full-time and going to school. On top of that my mother contracted COVID-19. The most difficult decision I made was to work part-time to focus on the Medical Assistant Program. The best decision I made was to speak to my MA instructor. She provided me with support and encouragement to continue on, and now I am a healthcare worker."*



### **BARRIE HATHAWAY, PRESIDENT & CEO's MESSAGE**

This summer has really "zoomed" by as JobTrain continues to focus on the staggering needs of our community during this multi-faceted crisis. In this issue of our newsletter, you will learn that JobTrain has pivoted to provide nearly all our services virtually, retooled career training programs and provide high demand supports to our community. In addition we have made our website more user friendly and responsive, redeployed staff toward rapid employment and supportive service delivery, established a Crisis Relief Fund, launched new on-line tools and more, all while

maintaining a keen focus on strategies for the long-term recovery and our new, compelling vision for the future.

Our team has been facilitating surveys with the community to help clarify how we can provide the most relevant supports. From those surveys, we know that this crisis is disproportionately impacting low-income people and entry-level workers. 47% of our recent graduates lost their jobs within the first several months of the crisis. We also know that those students who graduated in years past and were consequently more stable in their careers, weathered the crisis better, with 31% losing jobs. While still too high, this information informs our vision for a future where our graduates are advancing more quickly in their new careers and achieving full economic mobility through new supports and programs from JobTrain.

Thanks to the support of our passionate and committed community, JobTrain is aggressively adjusting our services for our community right now and we continue to innovate and create a future when our graduates are more quickly and reliably achieving advancement and stability to get back on track and better weather future economic crisis.

Thank you all for all the ways you support JobTrain. We are honored by your confidence and faith in us, and we will continue to demonstrate that your confidence is well placed at JobTrain.





Laura, Medical Assistant Graduate

## My Inspiration for Becoming a Healthcare Worker

My mom is the one that inspired me to enter the healthcare field. She has always been a very strong and independent woman. In 2015 my mom was diagnosed with a rare disease called Dermatomyositis and was hospitalized for 3 months. It took multiple doctors and specialists to figure out her diagnosis. I was worried that I was going to lose my mother. I would visit her everyday at the hospital with my 6-month old baby. It broke my heart to see her so sick and vulnerable. I would see all the care, compassion and attention that the doctors and nurses gave my mom, and I am forever thankful.



### Holiday Campaign

The Holiday Campaign is on its way. Check your mailbox.

Because of them she is still here today. I was so inspired by them that I knew I wanted to pursue my career in the healthcare field and be there to help someone like they helped my mom. I'm so excited to start my career. Thank you JobTrain for making my dreams come true.

Laura (pictured top left)  
Medical Assistant Graduate



### ABC7 News Coverage

On June 25th, JobTrain staff and students were interviewed by local ABC7 News to discuss the challenges of transitioning to online training. The video can be found at: [JobTrainWorks.org](http://JobTrainWorks.org)

*Pictured left is Felicia, a student in the Medical Assistant Program.*



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## COVID-19 Response

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services delivered

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clients in need received a total of  
\$89,000 in relief funds

3 5 5

virtual workshop and  
class enrollments