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## BARRIE HATHAWAY, PRESIDENT & CEO's MESSAGE

Dear JobTrain Community,

Thanks to unprecedented support, JobTrain has stepped into our new fiscal year ready to help more people in more places with more staff than ever before. With our newest location in South San Francisco, JobTrain now offers services from offices spanning the Peninsula from San Jose to South San Francisco. And, thanks to new capacity developed over the last year, we expect to provide key services to nearly 3500 people, a 67% increase over last year, and the highest in our long history.

Very soon, we will share our newly minted 3-year strategic plan which sets the course for continued expansion of services, additional locations and a new era of innovation to help our community come roaring back from the COVID19 economic downturn. And, while getting back to work is our central goal, helping our community retain employment and advance in their new careers until they reach full economic mobility is our new North Star.

Our team is strong. Our partners are aligned to help our communities recover from the COVID19 pandemic, and all of us at JobTrain know that we couldn't do any of this without your partnership and support.

We are indeed Stronger Together.



## 37th Annual Breakfast of Champions

JobTrain's first virtual event brought together over 400 community members to celebrate the success of JobTrain and its graduates. Attendees went on a virtual tour of the facilities and met Eric and Olivia who shared their journey and celebrated their new jobs. Eric, a Culinary Arts graduate is the Assistant Food & Beverage Operations Manager at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay. Olivia (left), a Medical Assistant graduate was hired at Stanford Hospital and in August, was hired as JobTrain's Career Development Specialist.



## Job Fairs and Employer Partnerships



As businesses began to go back to the office, employers are ready to expand their teams. Nearly 40 employers from a variety of fields including healthcare, technology, government, retail and social services, participated in JobTrain's Job Fairs to seek new candidates. Between June and September 2021 JobTrain held four job fairs, that were attended by more than 150 job seekers. The Job Fairs were located in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and San Jose.

JobTrain has strong employer partners working with us to recruit new hires. This past year, JobTrain has worked closely with Target to further its reach to recruit talented new staff. Target's Executive Team Leader, Melissa Dunn says, "Target is proud of the partnership we have with JobTrain. Just like JobTrain, Target is embedded in the community and are here to invest in the people and cities we are located in. The job fairs brought a number of good candidates who have become Target Team Members. Target was also thrilled to be the first employer to have its own recruitment event at the East Palo Alto Career Center. We look forward to building our partnership with JobTrain."

If you are interested in becoming an employee partner, contact Ruben Avelar at [RAvelar@JobTrainWorks.org](mailto:RAvelar@JobTrainWorks.org).



### Forging a Path for Success

Robert, (left) is a student in the Building Maintenance Program. "I tried college. I'm just not a person who can sit in a class or office. I came to JobTrain because they offer hands-on career paths. Currently my wife and I are homeless. I needed to find a career that would help me succeed in the long term, rather than be in the same position later in life. I like to use my hands to build stuff. Building Maintenance was the ideal fit for me."

# What's New



## South San Francisco Career Center Opening

In partnership with the City of South San Francisco, JobTrain has opened the doors to a new career center in downtown South San Francisco to help residents find employment. Offering services such as resume creation, interview tips, and access to onsite technology, the career center will also help to connect job seekers and local employers. This is JobTrain's fourth career center in the Bay Area. *(Pictured left, far right is SSF Regional Director, Julia Horiuchi, at the 101st City Hall Anniversary event with Friends of Old Town.)*



## Advanced IT Program

In response to the growing need for more skilled IT professionals, JobTrain has launched its first Advanced IT Program, which focuses on training students to gain vital computer networking knowledge to pass the Network+ certification exam offered by CompTIA, a well-respected association that provides vendor-neutral professional certifications in 120 countries around the world. *(Pictured left: Graduates of JobTrain's IT Service & Support Program met to share experiences and network.)*



## Tech 4 Success

Technology is a critical component in today's world and is often a barrier to success for many people. JobTrain has launched the Tech 4 Success program which links people with free or reduced cost technology resources such as free laptop rental through StreetCode Academy, references to low-cost laptops, free WiFi and JobTrain's Digital Literacy workshops.

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