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JOBTRAIN RECEIVES \$250,000 GRANT FROM GOOGLE.ORG TO HELP ADVANCE THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE BAY AREA

MENLO PARK, CA – JobTrain, a Bay Area nonprofit that works to transform the lives of young people and adults through its workforce development programs and career placement services, received a \$250,000 grant from Google.org in support of their work in the community. JobTrain was awarded this grant to continue to provide career training, job placement, rapid employment services, and support services to San Mateo County and surrounding counties, with an emphasis on helping the communities of East Palo Alto, Belle Haven, and North Fair Oaks, communities that have high poverty and unemployment rates.

Prior to the pandemic, the average annual income for the Bay Area region was \$140,000, yet the median household income of East Palo Alto, a community JobTrain serves, was only \$52,716. The pandemic exacerbated this gap, as the communities JobTrain serves were disproportionately affected by the pandemic. A JobTrain survey found 75% of clients had either lost their jobs, had reduced hours, or someone in their household had lost their job. Adding to their challenges, 63% worried about housing and missed rent or mortgage payments over the last 18 months. JobTrain's work is essential to getting people back into the workforce, and this funding from Google.org will directly support this effort.

*"Google.org's commitment to the community is illustrated by this grant to JobTrain. This quarter of a million-dollar grant will help JobTrain continue our work of providing people access to good paying jobs, and also help them grow and reach full economic mobility in their new careers. We are grateful for Google.org's support," said **Barrie Hathaway, JobTrain President and CEO.***

JobTrain, a valued Bay Area workforce nonprofit, offers programs giving families the resources and economic stability they need to be able to afford living in the Bay Area. **Assemblymember Kevin Mullin** who serves on the California Workforce Development Board and considers economic recovery an ongoing priority is encouraged by Google.org's commitment to supporting workforce development and training programs. *He states, "For our communities to be strong, it is critical that people earn a sustainable wage to support their families. We need to work together to get everyone back on their feet and working safely. Corporate grants like this one in support of JobTrain, are essential to the economic recovery of the area."*

*"We're all figuring out how to adapt to the challenges caused by the pandemic, and at Google, that includes finding opportunities to help our hometown communities recover. We're grateful for the work JobTrain is doing to connect jobseekers with jobs in the Bay Area, and proud to be a part of it," shared **Kristin Reinke, Google Vice President of Finance.***

About JobTrain

JobTrain is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational and training institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. JobTrain's programs combine career training, academics, and essential skills

development, preparing students to turn their lives around—from unemployment and poverty to success and self-sufficiency. Partnerships with employers ensure that students receive the training they need so that businesses can find motivated workers who are well trained for their jobs. For over 55 years, JobTrain has been adapting to meet current employment needs. Since its inception, more than 190,000 low-income individuals and their families have benefited from JobTrain’s programs.

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