



Spring 2022 Newsletter

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BARRIE HATHAWAY, PRESIDENT & CEO's MESSAGE

Dear JobTrain Community,

Spring is here and the programmatic seeds JobTrain has been busily planting are beginning to grow and blossom. Now, with offices spanning the peninsula from San Jose to South San Francisco, JobTrain has successfully nearly doubled our geographic reach and program capacity in anticipation of the economic recovery that appears to be just around the corner.

The low-income adults and families we serve have been through an incredibly difficult two years and we intend to help them move into new jobs and careers to get them back on track and on the path to economic mobility. In the meantime, this year we will serve more clients than ever before, and despite the pandemic and slower than usual job placements, we have helped many people start new jobs and new careers, already on the path to economic well-being. In fact, in the first half of this fiscal year, 241 clients were placed in jobs and are on course to earn over \$10 million annually.

We would not be in this position if it were not for our generous, loyal donor community who has not only stood by our side throughout the pandemic but stepped up their support. With your help, JobTrain is positioned to serve more people than at any time in our history and poised to continue our growth in the years to come.

This work and this moment recall a relevant quote. "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." – Talmud.

In community,



BRIDGE Forum & Awards Re-Imagined

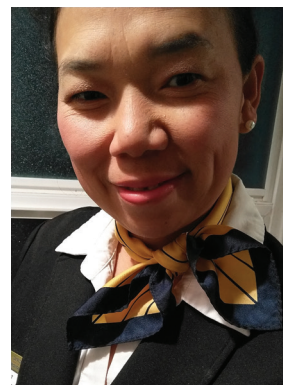
"Be Brave." "People First." "A Quality Job Makes People Feel Safe." These are some of the key messages presented by our panelists Clair Minson (left), DEIB Expert, and Bob Lanter, Executive Director of California Workforce Association, on March 2nd at the BRIDGE Forum & Awards. Sponsored by KPMG, the forum to discuss diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in the workplace centered around "What is a Quality Job and Paving the Way to Get There." Employers sharing their strategies included: Bank of America, Gachina Landscape, Flagship Culinary Services, Slack, and Yerba Buena Engineering.

Building Partnerships & Extending Our Reach



This February, when JobTrain officially cut the ribbon at its new South San Francisco Career Center on Grand Avenue, there was great excitement and fanfare from many city and community leaders who attended the event, especially as it symbolized JobTrain's mission to help those most in need to succeed through assessment, attitude and job skills training, and high potential career placement. (Pictured left the South San Francisco Career Center team from left to right, Walter Manuofetoo, Employment Specialist, Julia Horiuchi, Regional Director, Amanda See, Employment Specialist.)

Perhaps no one is more excited about the new Career Center than Tanawan T., a mother of three with no job or formal work experience who came to JobTrain this past September to learn as much as she could so that she could obtain a good job and a livable wage for her family. She is one of many JobTrain clients who have received help with resume tips, job readiness workshops, and other supports necessary to find long-term employment. The Center staff signed up Tanawan for a free laptop, helped her strengthen her resume, coached her, and linked her to JobTrain's digital literacy course – all of which led to Tanawan being hired as a trainee with Pacific Aviation Corporation in South San Francisco. "It's a blessing that I found (JobTrain) because they help me with everything. I feel like JobTrain is a second friend to me. They made me successful with the things that I needed."



Pictured above, Tanawan



Learning to Help Yourself

"When I finally surrendered and decided to go get help...and do everything I need to do, to be who I want to be, here I am today. I am not suffering anymore..." After getting clean and sober, Eva (left) graduated the Certified Nursing Assistant Program in 2021 and is working at a home care facility. She is happy to be able to call her kids and tell them that she is "ok." Eva has dreams of helping others. "My goal is to go into the prisons or psyche wards, and speak life into people who have no one."

What's New



Center for Economic Mobility

JobTrain's plans to build a new home is coming to fruition. The East Palo Alto Planning Commission has approved JobTrain's Building Plans for a site in East Palo Alto. "As our current facility is at capacity, The Center for Economic Mobility will allow us to continue to offer our highly effective job training and placement, supportive services and skills upgrade classes while expanding programs and services to help more residents gain access to great careers right in our backyard." says Barrie Hathaway.



Learn More on JobTrain's Blog

2022 marked the start of JobTrain's monthly blog. We are finding more ways to help our community. Whether that be persons looking for work or employers looking to hire, the blog will have informative materials each month. To date we have explored topics such as how career centers can help a job seeker to what is considered a quality job in today's workforce. View the blog at JobTrainWorks.org/blog. If there are topics you are interested in exploring, let us know. Contact Judy at JFong@JobTrainWorks.org.



SamTrans Recruitment Event

Like many companies, SamTrans has positions to fill, particularly drivers for their expanded routes. SamTrans partnered with the East Palo Alto Career Center to hold a recruitment event in East Palo Alto. Dozens of SamTrans employees were on hand to help people apply for jobs and conduct interviews. JobTrain is proud to partner with SamTrans to get people in the community employed. JobTrain welcomes new employer partners. Contact Terrie for more information, TCrenshaw@JobTrainWorks.org.

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