

December 10, 2011

Dear JVS Friend,

Outside the entrance to Jewish Vocational Service is a plaque with a quote from the Jewish philosopher Maimonides that reads,

“Work brings dignity to the human soul.”

At the JVS Cincinnati Career Network, we serve people who have lost some of their dignity from being unemployed or underemployed, whether they are entry-level workers or top executives.

Many are people in their 40s, 50s and 60s who have worked for years at rewarding careers, never thinking they would face a prolonged period of unemployment.

Now, they are wondering how they will put food on the table. With their savings depleted and their unemployment benefits used up, their mortgages may be in jeopardy.

They are people you see in the grocery store and those you see at the playground with their children and grandchildren. They are your fellow congregants, including those you do not see as often as you once did because they have withdrawn from synagogue life.

With vast experience, skills and talents, they have so much to offer employers, if only they had a professional to guide them through the job search process.

For that guidance, hundreds have turned to the Cincinnati Career Network since the recession began. We teach job seekers how to conduct job searches, giving them skills that empower them. Our workshops and one-on-one coaching help our clients develop effective resumes and cover letters and sharpen their interviewing and networking skills. We also provide job leads and strengthen their use of social media. And we help to boost their self-esteem so that their skills – not their despair – come across during job interviews.

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Our clients have told us they are grateful:

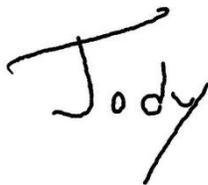
- *“You helped give me the confidence I needed...Your experience, kindness and creativity have been invaluable.”*
- *“In addition to the tips and pointers you’ve shared, your ability to listen and understand the many facets of my situation have been a tremendous help.”*
- *“It is obvious you truly care about helping others in any way that you can.”*

In the last two years, almost 200 people have found jobs with our help, something that makes us extremely proud. **We could help even more people but the demand for our services continues to exceed our resources. That is why we are again asking you to help us make a difference in people’s lives.**

The highest form of tzedakah, according to Maimonides, is to give a gift that will help a person support himself, instead of living off others. Your investment in the Cincinnati Career Network will help people help themselves.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to JVS by going to www.jvscinti.org/make-a-donation. This is our only fund-raising appeal of the year. We are hoping we can count on you.

Sincerely,



Joel S. Brant
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P.S. **Please respond by December 31**. The people we help could be your neighbors, friends and relatives.