

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PAY HOPE FORWARD

over
50,000 people are unemployed
in the Austin-metro area

45% of workers are not satisfied
with their current jobs

68% of people say they are not
using their strengths everyday



75% of people who attend Job Seekers Network
meetings three or more times find
new or better jobs

our financial goal of
\$100,000 is needed to continue to help
people find better jobs faster

DONATE NOW ➔

Dear Job Seekers Network Alumni:

I hope that 2012 has been an outstanding year for you! As you know 2012 has been a rough year, the unemployment rate continues to be high, and the need for job seeker services continues to grow.

Remember the ups and downs of your job search? Today, not only is the number of job seekers high but, the length of time between jobs is even longer. Although over 100 job seekers participate in Job Seekers Network (JSN) programs each week, and we have served over 3,400 job seekers over the last four years, there are many more Central Texas job seekers that we could be reaching with practical help and hope during a difficult and often emotionally challenging time.

TAKING JSN TO THE NEXT LEVEL

This past year, JSN became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are well on our way to becoming a community-wide organization with 80% of our 100+ weekly participants coming from outside our host church.

As the number of job seekers has grown and the competition for jobs has increased, JSN has responded by providing best-in-class job search resources including:

- Monday morning presentations by experienced marketplace leaders
- Resume writing
- Interviewing skills
- Developing an "elevator pitch"
- Career direction programs.

Through our varied programs, we also help our members discover how God plays an important role in navigating the ups and downs of a job search.

WE CAN DO MORE, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

Over the last four years, we have served over 3,400 job seekers, and made over 15,000 connections. Job Seekers Network was available to you at no cost because of donated resources such as the facilities, volunteer speakers and coaches, and a few donors who provided seed money. Those donors "paid it forward" for you and other job seekers. With the increased number of participants and demand for additional programs and services, our expenses have increased. We are now reaching out to the alumni to help keep the Monday morning meetings free of charge, and enable us to continue expanding our programs and services.

THE \$100,000 CHALLENGE

As we close out 2012, our fourth year of ministry, our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next five months to support existing and new programs and services. We ask that you prayerfully consider partnering with us. If everyone pitches in to "Pay Hope Forward" and donates 5% to 10% of just one month's salary or at least \$25 a month, we'd almost make it. The best news is that there is a donor who will match every monthly donation of \$25 or more, up to a total of \$5,000. That will put us over the top!

[Visit our website to make a tax deductible donation to the "Pay Hope Forward" campaign](#) and be a part of bringing hope to current and future job seekers.

Remember, every dollar counts. No gift is too small.

Merry Christmas and wishing you a blessed 2013!

Craig Foster
Executive Director
Job Seekers Network

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." —Ephesians 2:10

