



Building Opportunities with Business

Supported Employment Program (SEP) Newsletter

May 2010

Success Story—Army and Navy has SOLE!

Army & Navy has been holding their Legendary Shoe Sale for decades and it has become enmeshed in the history of the DTES community. Shoppers queue outside of the store for hours before the doors open and by the time it's finished, over 100 000 pairs of shoes have walked out the door.

Through our BusinessLinks program, BOB was able to connect 23 Inner-City residents with work at Army and Navy. Colin Pierce, HR manager for Army & Navy, participated in the BusinessLinks session by providing an overview of the job opportunities, leading a workplace tour, and showing a Shoe Sale documentary. Colin helped to prepare all the participants to work in what would prove to be a very

busy, chaotic and rewarding work environment. He was thrilled with the outcome of the event;

"Partnering with BOB during the BusinessLinks program saved us so much time and provided us with such a terrific group. We wish we could have kept every one of them".

Following the famous shoe sale, five of the group have been placed in permanent positions with Army and Navy and other local employers.



Employer Profile—British Columbia Maritime Employers Assoc.

The British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) came on board as an employment partner in April. They were referred to BOB by LinkUp Employment Services, to assist with filling a Safety Stores Assistant position. After interviewing a number of candidates, Nikki George was hired in a salaried, part-time position. Nikki was connected with ACCESS through their Essential Skills program and worked at the Aboriginal Pavilion during the Olympics, where she was first supported by BOB. Suki Hache, from BCMEA, was excited about the process;

"We really enjoyed meeting all the candidates – they were an impressive group. Nikki is proving to be a great employee and we look forward to having her on board well into the future."

Cycleback and Wood Manufacturing—Contact us!!

Cycleback Bicycle Repair Program is an exciting partnership between Lookout Emergency Aid Society and Ed Luciano of Mighty Riders. Trainees take part in an eight week training program recognized by the Bicycle Association of Canada. Cycleback has asked BOB to partner with them in connecting the inner city community to this opportunity and supporting the bicycle mechanics as they start work.

The Wood Manufacturing Council, Tradeworks Training Society and BOB have partnered to prepare people for job opportunities in wood manufacturing. The Council is working on securing unpaid work placements with local wood manufacturers and identifying job opportunities for all participants. It is an eight week, tuition-based program that runs from June 14 to August 6, including a two week practicum. Please let BOB know if you have interested candidates.



New Job Postings

Senior Depot Supervisor

United We Can

Delivery Driver

Trumps Fine Foods

Supervisor

Bintek Computing

Driver/Furniture Mover

Storage on Terminal/ACE Moving

Guest Attendant

Fairmont Pacific Rim

To apply for all opportunities, please visit www.bobics.org and look under 'HR Services'

May Events

Fair in the Square—May 16

- Showcasing local community organizations

SHINE – May 17

- For all participants in BOB's Supported Employment Program

Employer Breakfast—May 27

- Please RSVP to Liz Charyna at 778-328-7669

Quote

"I was able to get an interview with better pay and a good solid running company. Sometimes you just need to be pointed in the right direction."

- Rodell (BOB client)



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