



Building Opportunities with Business

Supported Employment Program (SEP) Newsletter

July 2010

Success Story—Joe and United We Can



As a warehouse worker for most of his life, Joe Cator found himself in a challenging position when he lost his job 12 years ago. Following his job loss, Joe went on to struggle with poverty, homelessness and drug addiction. During his years on the street, Joe was often approached by workers from the Vancouver Recovery House Outreach. One day in 2006, he decided to take the outreach workers up on their offer of support and applied for social housing. On the very same day, Joe also decided to quit drugs and has been clean ever since.

With the help from the Open Door Group, Joe was connected through a BOB job posting, for a position at a bottle depot. After two interviews, he was hired on as a full-time Senior Depot Supervisor at United We Can. "My job has changed my life because now I have a good stable income, and I don't have to depend on anyone. United We Can is a great company to work for and they have been so supportive."

Through BOB's Supported Employment Program, Joe was able to get a new pair of bifocals and transportation to work. "BOB has made the transition from being unemployed to employed full-time much easier for me!" says Joe. In sharing his story, Joe reflected; "It doesn't matter how down you are. Don't give up hope, because there is always hope."

Employer Profile—FrogBox



FROGBOX started working with BOB in the spring of 2010 after BOB friend and volunteer, Mathieson McCrae became General Manager. Their dedication to hiring from and supporting the inner city has already led to a new hire and connection with SOLEFood Urban Farm. FROGBOX rents eco-friendly, reusable plastic moving totes in the Vancouver, Seattle and Toronto Areas.

"For FROGBOX, working with BOB is part of fulfilling our commitment to social responsibility. We are an eco-friendly business, and part of that is being community-friendly and BOB makes it easy. BOB supports us as much as we support them. Thank you, BOB!"

Dedicate to the memory of Ursula Calfas

Ursula was a dedicated SEP participant who often contributed to our monthly SHINE dinner and she was always a joy to be around. Her bright spirit and energy always brought happiness to everyone she encountered. She will be greatly missed.



New Job Postings

Light Duty Cleaner
The Cleaning Solution

Graveyard Jr. Baker
Trumps Fine Foods

Graveyard Kitchen Helper / Dishwasher
Trumps Fine Foods

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

Intakes for the H.A.V.E. Culinary training and Cycleback programs are still on-going

July Events

SHINE – July 19

- For all participants in BOB's Supported Employment Program

Employer's Breakfast—July 29

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

Quote

"The best part of working...is working to overcome time pressures and unexpected obstacles, learning to communicate clearly with people from different cultures, and establishing disciplined regularity in my personal life."
- Harris (SEP Client) on starting a new job



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