



# Building Opportunities with Business

Supported Employment Program (SEP) Newsletter

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## Success Story—Iri and Edgewater Casino

Following his move from Cuba to Canada, Iri found himself working in a number of different jobs. In Cuba, Iri had thrived in his employment as a Concierge, providing international tourists with everything they needed to make their vacation memorable. So much so, that he consistently earned the most tips amongst his staff.



Iri and Jesse at the BOB Office

On arriving in Canada, Iri barely spoke English. He worked part-time jobs while attending ESL classes and worked hard at improving his English language skills. After a brief placement as a houseman at a Vancouver hotel, Iri was reminded that working with customers was his passion! However, searching for the right job proved to be a challenge.

“It had been quite hard finding work. I sent out so many resumes and had a few interviews, but didn’t get hired.” Iri was referred through Pathways Information Centre to BOB where he met with Jesse to discuss job opportunities. He was connected to Edgewater Casino, a BOB registered employer and was offered the position of Porter.

“Now I feel so good and don’t have to worry anymore. I really appreciate the support that BOB has given me!”

BOB congratulates Iri as he starts work and re-connects with his passion of working in the hospitality industry and delivering exceptional customer service!

## New Job Postings

[Building Service Worker](#)

Atira Property Management

[Prep/Delivery Driver](#)

Bread Garden Catering

[Bistro Server](#)

Edgewater Casino

[Various Kitchen Positions](#)

Charles Bar

[Production Manager](#)

Etuve Foods

To apply for all opportunities, please visit [www.bobics.org](http://www.bobics.org) and look under ‘HR Services’

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

## August Events

**SHINE – August 23**

- For all participants in BOB’s Supported Employment Program

## Quote

During our last shine event, Deni shared this piece of wisdom for those facing transition. “It might not work out, you may be disappointed, but it’s not the end of your path. There is more to come. Keep looking ahead!”

## mp Employer Profile—Mission Possible

Mission Possible began just over a year ago as a graffiti removal service and since then has grown to become one of the Downtown Eastside’s most promising social enterprises. Under the leadership of Brian Postlewait, Mission Possible has developed into a comprehensive property management company, a great service for the many older buildings in Vancouver’s historic inner-city. Using environmentally-friendly cleaning products, Brian’s team can tackle exteriors, interiors, stairwells, and even industrial kitchens. Bob has used their service in the past and is continuing to work with them to help them grow. [www.mission-possible.ca](http://www.mission-possible.ca)

## Parting Words from Jesse—BOB Supported Employment Co-ordinator

August marks my 2 year anniversary here at BOB. Sadly, I will also be leaving BOB at the end of August, as my family and I are moving across the province to live in the Kootenays. I want to take this opportunity to thank our great team at BOB for their support throughout my employment. I will miss them. I extend my appreciation to the various agencies, employers and support workers I have connected with during my time here, it has been great partnering with you. I also want to acknowledge all the clients who I have spent time with, you have been a constant source of inspiration! Thank you!

Jesse



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