



Building Opportunities with Business

Supported Employment Program (SEP) Newsletter

April 2011

Success Story: Andrew at Trimpac



Andrew came to Canada years ago with a dream that he could bring his family to Canada so they have a better lifestyle as well as education for his children. Upon arrival in Vancouver, he searched tirelessly for employment but had no luck. Social services helped him to find affordable housing in the DTES but the living conditions of his room were not ideal. He registered with Pathways Resource Centre and through his case manager Chessa, he was connected to BOB and applied for Trimpac's general labor position.

Andrew was hired on at Trimpac and has now been employed for almost 1 month. "Now that I have a job, I can get better housing for myself and will not have to share my room with cockroaches because they don't pay the rent, I do! I can also buy better quality foods for lunch and dinner. Most of all, I am able to send money for my family in Sudan so maybe they can buy a house or something. Once I save up some money, I can bring them to Canada." - Andrew

Words from Jonathan Burke, Director of Operations at Trimpac



As the Director of Operations at Trimpac, Jonathan Burke knows a thing or two about hiring local people "Our warehouse is in the inner-city and we really like to be able to hire people who live in the area. BOB's services have been helpful to us because Andrew (BOB's Job Developer) is able to screen the candidates for us before sending them over. It saves me so much more time because it allows me to focus on other things at my job. We've been working with BOB for awhile now and we've had quite a few of successes!"

BOB has connected 5 jobseekers to full-time employment at Trimpac since April 2010.

Army and Navy Shoe Sale!

Army & Navy are socially responsible employers who know the value of hiring inner-city residents to serve the inner-city community. BOB is pleased to announce that we are working with Army & Navy to hire 35 staff for their legendary annual Shoe Sale. Interested applicants may apply with resume and case manager referral to jobpostings@bobics.org, or in person at 163 East Pender (M-F, 10am to 4pm).



BOB in Transition: New Directions Party

At BOB we have many exciting changes and a few fond farewells. Come celebrate with us **on May 5th, 5-7pm at W2 Media Café** (111 West Hastings) and hear about the new directions BOB is taking! We will bid fond farewell to Shirley Chan, Maureen Collier, Wes Regan and four long serving board members. We will also announce a new home for the BOB team, as well as significant changes to BOB's Business Development model. We are proud to be a part of this community and look forward to continuing to connect and partner with each of you. Tickets are \$20 and include a drink, appetizers, and entry into our door prize draw. Get yours now! In person at the BOB office or call 778-338-7660.

New Job Postings

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

Army and Navy Shoe Sale

Looking to build up the retail experience on your resume? BOB is working with A & N to hire 35 people for this 12-day temporary employment opportunity. Duties include sales, stock upkeep, and customer assistance. Application deadline is April 15, 2011.

Driver: Take the Green Challenge

This environmentally friendly property maintenance company is looking for a part-time driver. If you have a clean driver's abstract, good interpersonal skills, and are able to lift 50 lbs, this could be the job for you! Application deadline is April 15, 2011

Intakes for the Cycleback Bicycle Repair program are still on-going.

April Events

SHINE Supper—April 18

All SEP clients, past and present, are welcome to join us for dinner at the BOB office! Please RSVP to 778-328-7660 or Emily.smith@bobics.org



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