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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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In 2008, PVJOBS will celebrate our 10th anniversary. Since our inception, we have placed about 2,000 clients in more than 3,000 meaningful positions – virtually all of them paid at least the City of Los Angeles living wage. The life changing opportunities that are afforded to our clients have led to many remarkable successes. Each person who has thrived in our program has a moving story to tell, which reinforces our core philosophy that opportunity changes lives.

Our success is the result of a shared philosophy among our collaborators and supporters, and the actionable activities that result from a shared belief system. A team of community-based organizations assist us in providing client services, while labor leaders and employers work with us to ensure career paths are available. We also receive immeasurable support from local elected representatives. And of course, we could not function without the material support of our funders and donors.

The most important element of our success, however, is our dedicated staff. As we enter our 10th year, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our staff. They give of themselves above and beyond what could be expected by any employer. They are the beacon of light to our clients, the coordinating voice among our collaborators and supporters. They are community heroes, and I consider myself blessed to be on their team.

PVJOBS Employment Update

Kee your eye on the prize. The seasonal downturn in construction employment has caused many job seekers to abandon their dreams and seek work in other sectors. However, the reward of a high-paying job, with excellent benefits, still awaits those who take the necessary steps to sustain themselves while continuing to seek a career in the building trades.

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PVJOBS Hosts Office Grand Opening

PVJOBS recently hosted a special grand opening party to celebrate their new office move in the LAX area. Nearly 200 people attended the event, including local labor, business and community leaders. The new move was made in October as part of a far-reaching effort to create more office space for in-house staff, client orientations and



Pictured at the PVJOBS Grand Opening are (from left): LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman John Theuer; HB Drollinger Co. President Karen Dial; Chamber Honorary Mayor Larry Plotkin; and PVJOBS Executive Director Ernest Roberts.

regular board meetings. During the grand opening celebration, event attendees greeted PVJOBS staffers and were treated to an office tour.

For those still unaware of the new office address, PVJOBS is now located at 9100 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Suite 200, in Los Angeles. Feel free to drop by when you're in the area!



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PVJOBS At Work

JAMES KING: The Final Recovery

Pile driver James King rolls up his sleeves each morning to work at his physically demanding job for Foundation Pile Inc. But he says he's up for the challenge. Especially since his job plays a vital role in his successful recovery from a lengthy battle with drugs. "Life today is good," says King, 45. "But it hasn't always been this way."



James King

Raised by a single mother in Tulsa, Oklahoma, King, the third oldest of nine children, grew up quickly when he had to help raise his large clan of siblings. He was forced to grow up even faster when at 16 he learned that his girlfriend was expecting their first child. To help support their new baby daughter, he quit high school, earned his GED and got a job in landscaping.

However, life as he knew it was soon about to change: His mother and younger sister were tragically victims of a shooting in their neighborhood. Although his mother miraculously survived, his sister sadly did not. King took her death particularly hard since they shared the closest bond of all his siblings. Unable to cope with her murder, King embarked on what would ultimately evolve into a 26-year addiction to drugs.

King drove his life into deeper turmoil by turning to theft to support his drug habit, leading to several prison sentences. But his struggles paled to the worst day of his life in 1998: His 15-year-old son, James II, was shot and killed due to gang violence. What made the murder even more senseless was that his son, a good student, never was involved with gangs.

As the next few years ensued, King hit an all time low. He served his third prison sentence, and became homeless after his release in 2003. That was his wake up call. "I looked at my life and I didn't like what I saw," he says. "And I wasn't getting any younger."

He checked into a rehab center, where he met his wife, Alicia, a rehab counselor. After getting clean, a temp agency got him a job as a forklift driver. But when the construction firm learned about his prison history, the company let him go. That's when a friend told him about PVJOBS. A few weeks after attending a PVJOBS orientation, he

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"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."

– Michelangelo

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

– Earl of Beaconsfield

One who fears failure limits his activities.

Failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again.

– Henry Ford

The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had means, time, influence and educational advantages; the question is what he will do with the things he has.

The moment a young man ceases to dream or to bemoan his lack of opportunities and resolutely looks his conditions in the face, and resolves to change them, he lays the cornerstone of a solid and honorable success.

– Hamilton Wright Marbie

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

– Vince Lombardi

PVJOBS Employment Update

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The demand for new construction workers and union apprentices still exists in the greater Los Angeles area. Most trades are offering ongoing recruitments and open application periods to meet the demands of a growing industry and an aging workforce. Special programs also are available to assist local community residents and individuals that have barriers to employment.

Project	Goal	Current Attainment
Playa Vista	10% at-risk	13.7%
LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond	30% local	34%
LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond	6% at-risk	8%

PVJOBS Placements (as of 12/11/2007)	
General Program	1,415
Build LACCD (construction)	365
Build LACCD (interns)	330

PVJOBS has the expertise, knowledge and contacts to help guide you on the road to success. For additional information on specific union apprenticeship opportunities, such as those listed below, please contact PVJOBS Union Liaison Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217.

Notes

- The Sprinklerfitters Union will accept applications as well as test for new apprentices from January 14-18, 2008.
- The Plasterers Union will hold an orientation for new apprentices on January 9, 2008.
- The Operating Engineers will begin their bi-annual acceptance of applications for new apprentices beginning January 9, 2008. Candidates will be notified of the actual test date after applying.

PVJOBS At Work: James King

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landed a yearlong laborer position with a Playa Vista contractor, American Contractors.

Now a pile driver and union member, King is working on becoming a journeyman while enrolled in a welding apprenticeship program. He attributes his newfound career to three PVJOBS staffers whom he calls his "guardian angels" – Gayle Avant, Jeffrey Henderson and Juan Alvarado – for not only helping him get his first job, but offering him encouragement when he needed it most.

A self-proclaimed minister, King says that God has led him to help others on the road to recovery. "I show people that their failures and bad decisions don't have to become who they are."

PVJOBS At Work

LATANYA JONES: The Best Feeling

Latanya Jones may be only one of a handful of female laborers assigned to the Exposition Light Rail project, but you wouldn't know it by how she works. At 46, Jones is perhaps one of the hardest working laborers on her crew, which is why she thinks she's still employed, despite recent layoffs. "My hard work is what's kept me here," she says. "I like going to work everyday knowing that people are depending on me."



LaTanya Jones

Jones credits her mother – a single mom who worked two jobs while raising three children – for modeling a strong work ethic. When as a preteen her family left their small hometown in Florida to settle in Los Angeles, Jones fell in love with Southern California. But she also fell in love with a boyfriend whom she eventually moved in with. She soon became pregnant, and gave birth to their son two weeks before her 17th birthday.

Although the young couple married, they divorced in their early 20s. Lonely and searching for excitement, she began experimenting with cocaine. Soon hooked, Jones lost everything: Her son, her job and her home. She committed armed robbery to pay for drugs, serving four prison sentences for theft over the next two decades. Despite her drug lapse after her final prison release, her parole officer felt like she didn't belong behind bars again. Instead, he gave her a break by enrolling her in a drug recovery program, which kept her clean for the first time in 23 years.

Eager to work, she found a laborer job for a shipping company that later promoted her to an on-site manager. But after the company went bankrupt, she worked odd jobs for the next two years. One day, as she visited the Urban League WorkSource Center, she discovered a PVJOBS flyer. A few months after visiting the job program, PVJOBS referred her to work for FCI Contractors.

While she's still in her first year as a laborer journeyman, Jones already aspires to become a foreman one day. She feels equally inspired about working on a construction project in her own community. "Once it's built, I'm actually going to use the light rail everyday," she says. "Knowing that I'm helping to build this rail line...that's a 'bomb' feeling."

PVJOBS Community Partners

APPRENTICE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Century Community Training Program (Mary Lou Clinkenbeard)	(310) 673-3941
Los Angeles Technology Center (Latasha Hawthorne)	(323) 732-0153

WORKSOURCE CENTERS

Career Planning Center Marina Worksource (Nick Gonzalez)	(310) 309-6000
Career Transition Worksource Center (George Fernandez)	(562) 570-3700
Chinatown WorkSource Center Chinatown Service Center (Eddie Zhang)	(213) 808-1700
Community Career Dev.Cntr Wilsh/Metro Worksource (Justina Munoz)	(213) 365-9829
South LA WorkSource Center Community Centers Inc. (Gale Gilliam)	(323) 752-2115
Compton Career Link Worksource California Center (Henry Smith)	(310) 605-3050
Hollywood Worksource of California (Marjorie Gardner)	(323) 960-1300
Metro North Worksource Center (Anna Zakarian)	(323) 223-1211
Northeast San Fernando Valley WorkSource Center (Sheila Wright)	(818) 890-9400
PACE/Westlake Worksource Center (Albert Sy)	(213) 353-1677
Urban League Adams Baldwin Hills Wrksrce Cntr (Myrna Anguiano)	(323) 732-7867
Urban League WorkSource Business and Career Center (Annita Wallace)	(323) 600-1106
WLCAC Southeast LA-Watts Worksource Center (Victor Archaga)	(323) 563-5669

YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS

All People Christian Center (Saundra Bryant)	(213) 747-6357
Anchor of Hope (Jean Franklin)	(310) 766-8337
Canaan Housing Corporation (Brenda Evans)	(213) 748-0250
CCFP/ Meals on Wheels for Children (Sandra Moore)	(323) 638-0760
ChrysalisSanta Monica (Adelai Whitman)	(310) 392-4117
Communities in Schools (Roy LaVoise)	(818) 891-9399
Community Build (Babatu Bektamba)	(323) 789-9950
CRTD Faithworks (David Richardson)	(310) 673-0287
DARE U TO CARE (Sabrina Parker)	(323) 756-3208
Ex-Offender Action Network (Monnie Anderson)	(323) 238-0445
FAME Renaissance Assistance Corporation (Dwayne Price)	(323) 730-8354
Gratitude Retreat Foundation (Steven Nelson)	(310) 618-9173
Homies Unidos, Inc. (Silvia Beltran)	(213) 383-7484
Housing Authority of LA (Judy Rasheed)	(213) 252-1800
Human Pontential Consultants, LLC (Deidre Norville)	(310) 756-1560
Jobs for the Future/Homeboy Industries (Ft. Greg Boyle SJ)	(323) 526-1254
Joint Efforts Inc. (Matt Davison)	(310) 831-2358
Korean Churches For Community Development (Hyepin Im)	(213) 984-4243
LA Family Housing Corporation (Abel Moreno)	(818) 982-4091
LA Works (Salvador R. Velasquez)	(626) 960-3964
LACOE (Nathan Auzenne)	(213) 744-3168
Mar Vista Family Center (Pedro Valenciana)	(310) 390-9607

Marriott Foundation Bridges (Tad Asbury)	(213) 381-1220
Meaning and Purpose (Ted Moore)	(323) 296-2553
NABSIO Nahaniel (Rashad Ali)	(323) 755-6024
New Directions (Brigitte Slayton)	(310) 914-4045
NO GUNS (Hector Marroquin)	(310) 901-6570
PATH (Jonathan Bennett)	(323) 644-2272
PATH Achieve Glendale (Catherine Conery)	(818) 409-3333
Pico Youth & Family Center (Michael Jackson)	(310) 396-7101
Public Allies of Los Angeles (Ernesto Saldaña)	(213) 741-2202
Raeverly's Resource Center (Luis Patarroyo)	(323) 752-9987
Save Our Future (Ken Jordan)	(323) 234-0846
SCHARP (Denise Shook)	(323) 751-3026
St. Vincent's Cardinal Manning Center (Chuck Happold)	(213) 229-9963
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) (Samantha Quintero)	(213) 745-9961
Success in Challenges (Leon Mosely)	(562) 423-8111
Transitions Network (Eimon M. Raoff)	(323) 751-1366
Union Rescue Mission (Stephen Mitchell)	(213) 347-6300
Unity One (Bo Taylor)	(213) 963-5843
Unity T.H.R.E.E (Shontez Williams Sr.)	(323) 732-0230
US VETS (Katherine Gibbs)	(310) 348-7600
US VETS (Long Beach) (Fernando Godinez)	(562) 388-8046
Venice 2000 (Melvin Hayward)	(310) 823-6100
VIP Mentors (Volunteers In Parole, Inc.) (Pal Roman)	(626) 450-6250
Volunteers of America (Mark Jackson)	(213) 689-2179
Walden House Inc. (Ralph Mendoza)	(310) 412-3702
Walden House SASCA Region 111 (Sal Wilson)	(213) 741-3720
Weingart Center Association (Ronnie Price)	(213) 267-9000
Youth Rebuild (Victoria Foreman)	(310) 600-6201

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services (Robert Gutierrez)	(213) 736-5456
CCEO Youth Build (Joe Starks)	(310) 225-3060
Covenant House of California (Lori Koenig)	(323) 957-7455
Goals For Life (Reggie Berry)	(562) 864-6040
La Causa Youth Build (Noemi G. Soto)	(323) 887-2501
Los Angeles Conservation Corps Youth Build (Gabriela Jimenez)	(213) 749-3601
LA Youth At Work (Sean Jernigan)	(213) 580-7505
Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement - Watts (Adrian Veliz)	(323) 971-7640
United Friends of the Children (Mindy Raphael)	(213) 580-1850
Venice Community Housing Corporation Youth Build (Sandy Eiges)	(310) 399-4100
Youth Oppurtunities Unlited Inc. (James L. Watson)	(323) 789-4977

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