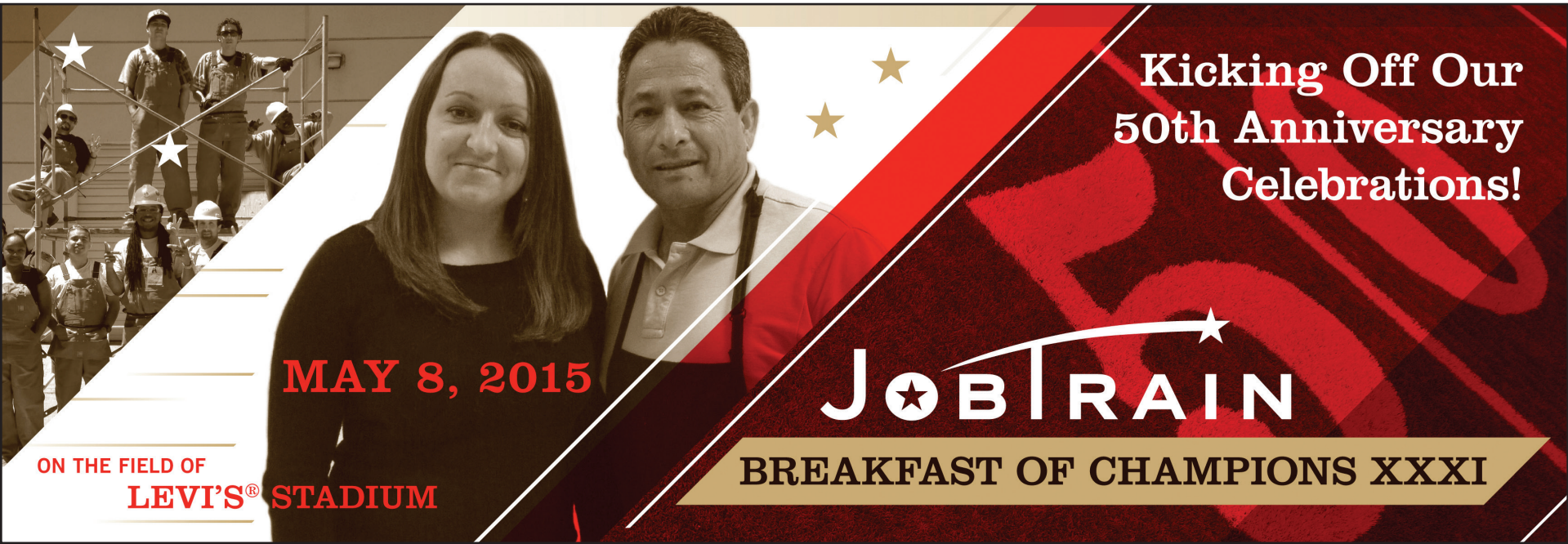


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BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS XXXI

JobTrain will kick-off its 50th Anniversary Celebrations at this year's Breakfast of Champions, direct from the playing field of Levi's® Stadium, home of the 49ers! Breakfast of Champions will be held on May 8, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Google Senior Vice-President of Knowledge, Alan Eustace, will speak about his World Record breaking high-altitude free-fall jump last year in Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. Eustace's 135,890 feet fall broke the previous altitude record held by Austrian Felix Baumgartner. This year's Community Champion Award will be presented to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department for their longstanding partnership with JobTrain to reduce recidivism rates in our community. JobTrain will also be officially announcing the launching of the Paul M. Cook Trailblazer Fund started by the Cook family in honor of Paul's 90th birthday and his more than 30 years of dedication to JobTrain. This fund will help extend the impact of JobTrain's programs and services as well as develop new pathways to employment for our clients.

JobTrain is proud to announce that this year's Presenting Sponsor is Google.org. Other sponsors include Facebook, the Eustace-Kwan Family Foundation, and the Morgan Family Foundation. Proceeds from these sponsorships go directly towards helping JobTrain students launch careers in high demand fields with opportunity for advancement and growth.

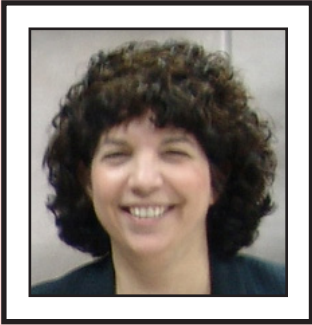
There are still a limited number of sponsorships available! To sponsor this year's Breakfast or to purchase individual seats, please contact Reshma Putnam at (650) 330-6436 or rputnam@jobtrainworks.org or visit our secure events page at www.jobtrainworks.org/special-events.

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Director's Corner:

Houston, We Still Have A Problem

"Houston, we have a problem." This famous phrase came from the Commander of Apollo 13 when he let the world know that his spacecraft was unlikely to make it back to earth. What came next were a series of amazing feats, where some of the greatest minds in engineering, science, problem solving and management put their heads together and solved a

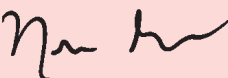
seemingly unsolvable problem. Their efforts became a historic example of how extraordinary things could be done even against impossible odds. We need to call on the spirit of that effort, to meet the daunting challenges facing the Bay Area today.

We may have the lowest unemployment rate in years, but this economic miracle has not reached the people we serve at JobTrain. Counted among the employed are those who have to work at least 2 full time minimum wage jobs to live in our communities. A "middle income" family must make at least \$33,600 to pay the average rent on a 2-bedroom apartment, yet the cut off for federal government support is \$30,000. The land available to build affordable housing, develop basic services, and create local middle wage jobs is rapidly disappearing. Time is not on our side. Houston, we definitely have a problem.

When I came to JobTrain 18 months ago, many people said to me: we haven't moved the needle; we've put in time and dollars for years but poverty is still with us. While this is true, they forget one important piece of the puzzle. What would it have been like if organizations like JobTrain hadn't been here for the last 50 years? Thousands of people have gone on to new and better jobs because of JobTrain, with incalculable economic and social benefit to our community, their families and themselves.

As we celebrate together at our Breakfast of Champions, the JobTrain community, our very loyal supporters, friends and family can know they have made a very real difference for close to 200,000 people who have come through our doors or had access to our services. This includes the families of the people helped 50 years ago as well as today; generations of people who moved out of poverty.

But we are far from finished and we continue to have important and urgent work to do. Like the people in the control tower in Houston, we need our best and our brightest to take stock of all the resources we have to deal with this crisis. Now is not the time to either be defeated by the size of the problem or to declare victory. Let's keep moving the needle, but keep in mind that time is growing short. Given the incredible work that the community that is JobTrain has done so far, I know we can succeed.



Nora Sobolov
Executive Director

JobTrain to Begin Offering Free Web Developer Coding Class Beginning April 6th

Beginning on April 6, 2015, JobTrain will offer a free 4-month Web Developer Coding Class designed to give students practical, real world skills to help prepare them for entry-level jobs in the technology sector. JobTrain has extensive experience serving a diverse and dynamic population and works closely with technology companies throughout the Bay Area to ensure that program content matches employer needs.

According to instructor Mike Shipstead, "Students will work independently and in project teams to solve web development tasks and challenges that increase in complexity and utilize key technologies including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Ruby on Rails. At the end of the 16-week course, students will have a professional portfolio highlighting a diverse skill set."

This course also includes JobTrain's Essential Skills classes which cover such topics as problem solving, customer service, budgeting, and goal setting. JobTrain's comprehensive "whole person" approach to student success, also includes counseling, supportive services, and job placement. This course will cover content from several Cañada College courses and students will receive college credits and start a transcript, providing them with a pathway to further educational opportunities.

For more information about this class, please contact Lacey Padgett at (650) 330-6418 or lpadgett@jobtrainworks.org.



JobTrain Welcomes Web Development Instructor Mike Shipstead and New Initiatives Manager Jen Overholt

Choices, Changes, and Chances

Claudia Castillo is a JobTrain graduate of the Professional Healthcare Worker program and a single mother of two beautiful girls. She adheres to a simple philosophy that she calls the three C's of life. Claudia calls these three C's: "choices, changes, and chances... you must make a choice to take a chance in life or your life will never change."

At the age of 18 Claudia left high school and gave birth to her first daughter. Having to work to support herself and her baby she watched all her friends graduate. Claudia spent years in an unhealthy relationship. Finally, there came a day when she decided that turning the page was the best decision for her, "because you realize there's so much more to that book than the page you are stuck on."

In 2011 Claudia moved to San Francisco to live with her sister, hoping for a better quality of life for herself and her daughters, but again found herself in a very unpleasant situation. Nearly homeless and with her two young daughters to care for, Claudia never gave up. "I had my mind set on my dreams and I knew exactly what my goal was. I wanted to prove myself to my daughters, that even in the toughest moments, I could still make it and that no matter how hard it was, I would still accomplish my dreams."

After her father passed away, Claudia realized that what she wanted to do was to help people. "I wanted to become a registered nurse and now that I had made the decision of making a change in my life, I knew it was time for me to start knocking on doors for my future. My friend told me about the Certified Nurse Assistant program at JobTrain and the next day I was right outside that door ready to start my education. JobTrain really made a huge change in my life since that very first day, from the front desk receptionist Gaby, all the way to my counselor Ruben, and my instructor Xavier, they were all very supportive and I thank them for that."

In September 2014, Claudia celebrated the completion of her JobTrain program and was named Trainee of the Month! "I now have two jobs, both earning a little over \$17 an hour. I live in a beautiful two bedroom apartment, and I can now say that I'm getting to where I want to be in life."

"I really want to thank JobTrain for helping me on my first step towards my education. Always remember that life is based on the choices you make, and don't ever be afraid of taking the chance to give your life a change for the best, because in the end we only regret the chances we didn't take. Do not give up, the beginning is always the hardest!"



Claudia Castillo of JobTrain's Professional Healthcare Worker Program proudly displays her CNA State Exam Certification

JobTrain Partners with SamaUSA to Bridge the Digital Divide

SamaUSA started out as a small startup aimed at teaching on-line digital work skills to low-income individuals, and then began to grow, opening up sites at several other locations. The SamaUSA program takes advantage of emerging online work platforms, such as Elance and oDesk, and teach individuals how to use these platforms to promote themselves and earn a living.

When SamaUSA first decided to expand to East Palo Alto, they learned of JobTrain's impressive reputation with the community. JobTrain is very excited to partner with SamaUSA to provide this free course. JobTrain's computer literacy instructor, Matt Abaya, has been hired to lead the class. The program provides stipends to students for completing projects during the course and laptop computers are given to students who fulfill all graduation requirements at the end of the ten weeks. Through this promising partnership, JobTrain and SamaUSA hope to bridge the digital divide and prepare the residents of San Mateo County to promote themselves in this growing job market.

Expanding Options for JobTrain Programs in Santa Clara County

JobTrain is excited about our new partnership with Goodwill of Silicon Valley, which is expanding the geographic reach of our training programs. In July 2014, we launched a Laborers Construction Fundamentals program at Goodwill of Silicon Valley in San Jose with the goal of providing job training for individuals who need help to enter the economic mainstream. The class was a full-time 16 week program offered from July 2014 through November 2014. Students learned valuable construction skills, including how to build stairs and construct walls for houses. In addition, students benefited from Life Skills workshops, on topics such as anger management and communication skills.



JobTrain’s Laborers Construction Fundamentals program students at work at Goodwill of Silicon Valley

The majority of students in this pilot program were ex-offenders, referred by the Santa Clara Parole Department. The goal was to provide students with the job skills and essential skills they need to obtain employment in the high-paying construction Industry. The pilot program was very successful; the majority of graduates obtained jobs. Graduate, Javier says, “Coming from a criminal background, being at JobTrain and Goodwill gives me experience and hope for the future. I look forward to living a good and honest life.” Another student, Herbert, explained, “This was a good way to change my life and get back on track. After being in and out of jail for last 12 years, this is an excellent opportunity that will get me on the right track.”

To build on the success of the pilot program, JobTrain will offer another Laborers Construction Fundamentals class at Goodwill of Silicon Valley in San Jose that will start on May 11, 2015. We plan to enroll 20 students, many of whom will be referred from the criminal justice system. With the hard work of the students, combined with the support of JobTrain, the graduates of this program will be well-prepared to find employment and become contributing members of their communities.

Show Your Support for JobTrain on May 5th!

Following up on its success last year, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation will once again partner with lead sponsor Microsoft and others to host Silicon Valley Gives! This 24-hour online giving event benefited more than 600 nonprofit organizations last year. JobTrain received more than \$11,000 from donors throughout the Bay Area.

This year, Silicon Valley Gives will take place starting at midnight on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. It’s easy to donate to JobTrain: simply go to svgives.razoo.com. Once on the website, type “JobTrain” into the search field and click the “donate” button.

Please see these special opportunities to maximize your donation to JobTrain:

9:00 A.M. Dollar for Dollar match to donations made during this hour from the Skoll Foundation (prize ends when donations match prize amount)

5:00 P.M. Dollar for Dollar match to donations made during this hour from the Skoll Foundation (prize ends when donations match prize amount)

Your gift will make a positive impact in the lives of JobTrain students: for example, a donation of \$50 provides support for educational tools; a donation of \$100 provides support for our Youth Programs, \$500 provides support for JobTrain’s Essential Skills and Job Readiness Workshops.



The Perfect Pair: LinkedIn & JobTrain

Headquartered in Mountain View, California, LinkedIn currently operates the largest online networking site for business professionals. Once a month, LinkedIn asks its employees to use their skills and talents to give back to the community. They call this InDay! LinkedIn employees recently paid a visit to JobTrain to provide in-depth training to our Business Administration students on how to build their professional brand using LinkedIn. Akansha Agrawal, Research Associate at LinkedIn and Laurel Barrett, Associate Campaign Manager at LinkedIn, led this opportunity and rallied others at LinkedIn to join in.

Here are some highlights from Akansha Agrawal’s Blog: I am a proud LinkedIn employee. Not only do I get to do work I love, I also get the opportunity to make an impact within our community. Through LinkedIn, I’ve been able to form a strong partnership with the non-profit JobTrain. As an employee of LinkedIn, I get involved in the final step of a JobTrain student’s journey, which is finding a job... In the most recent workshop I held for JobTrain, I went to JobTrain’s headquarters instead of hosting it at LinkedIn which turned out to be an eye-opening experience. It made me realize that JobTrain is much more than a training center. JobTrain brings a community together. As a community, people come to celebrate when JobTrain graduates ring a bell displayed in the lobby, signifying the importance of their achievements. Aside from training, JobTrain also provides tax services, has an on-site preschool, and dedicates an entire room to donated interview clothes. JobTrain acts as a one-stop shop for those in need, and they do it really well. JobTrain and LinkedIn form the perfect pair; our missions align so closely. JobTrain’s mission is to help those in need succeed in the workplace, and LinkedIn wants to connect the world’s professionals in order to make them more productive and successful. I feel fortunate to have been involved in this partnership and I’m looking forward to making it even stronger. To read Akansha’s complete blog, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/perfect-partnership-linked-in-jobtrain-akansha-agrawal>



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JobTrain instructors and staff have submitted the following list of needs. Please help if you can! **Thank you!**

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 - Blood Pressure Monitors (Aneroid & Digital)
 - Blood Pressure Cuffs
 - High-quality Stethoscopes
 - Portable Scales (Digital & Manual)
 - Life-size baby dolls (Male & Female)
 - CBC Machine or Blood Chem Machine
 - Microscopes
 - New Linens (towels/blankets, etc.) for Skills Lab
 - Professional Health Care Worker Textbooks
 - Scrub Tops (red or maroon) and Pants (white)
 - Secure Filing Cabinet
- ASE/GED Preparation Class:**
- Set of 10 TI-30XS Multiview Calculators
 - Document Camera for displaying print materials
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