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## SEC's Job Club Alumni Speak Out . . .

### Akron Mature Workers' Job and Career Fair

Wednesday  
September 2, 2009  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

at The Tangier  
532 West Market Street

For information, call:  
330-762-8666  
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In recognition of the Senior Employment Center's Mature Workers' Job and Career Fair, which will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, this issue of Employment Express includes some of the many testimonials SEC has received from those who have participated in Job Club and/or gotten jobs through one of our programs.

*much for arranging this part of our Job Club! I am overwhelmed with the amount of support available for job searching.*

*Another Job Club member helped me find a listing of jobs in the Twinsburg area; and I found one in Middleburg Heights. So I quickly made another resume for food service, opened a Monster account, created a cover letter online, and applied for the job! I would not have been able to do this a week ago!*

*Sara D.*

*Jan 24th  
Hi Don,*

*As we come to a completion of the second week of class I wanted to let you know that I am very impressed with Job Club. I have learned so much and all of the material presented has been so beneficial in searching for a job.*

*I hope the funding continues because there is a definite need for a program like this to help the mature worker.*

*Joyce Z*

Feb 19th

Mary Lou,

I caught a break with Nestles. They have offered me a Contractors position through the end of the year.

Things have turned around for me since I went through Job Club!

Also, I had an interview with First Energy at their Job Fair.

Sincerely,

Jeff H.

*Jan 24th*

*Hi Don:*

*What an impressive library - thank you so*

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### The Senior Employment Center offers:

- **Job Club** provides up-to-date techniques for job search, resumes, and interview skills to individuals who are job ready .
- **Employer-based Training** subsidizes employers who offer you hands-on training.
- **Customer Service/Call Center Training Program** - a three week course on the basic phone skills needed.
- **Mature Staffing Systems** - a placement agency for mature workers.



## DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Howard came to our program while he was living in a homeless shelter. He had lost everything in a divorce, and he was so depressed that he did not take care of himself. Howard had a Bachelor of Science in Education and some computer skills, but the way he carried himself no one would hire him. He just had that victim look.

He was assigned to the local One Stop where he as-

sisted others in their computer job searches. Thus Howard could look for a job at the same time as he was helping others search the internet. He began coming out of his shell and was finally able to look people in the eye.

Soon Howard was notified that he couldn't stay at the homeless shelter any longer. He hadn't done anything wrong, but shelters have rules about

how long someone can live there. He could not find another place and had to live in his truck.

When the people with whom he worked found out he was living in his vehicle, the word went out to find him a place. Someone in the organization had an apartment where Howard could live rent free until he started receiving a paycheck, but he didn't have any furnishings so his co-workers also

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pooled together all their unused items and donated them to Howard.

We could not believe the change in Howard! He began dressing up and even wearing a tie and jacket. He smiled and was talking to everyone. Howard told the other seniors that he did not know there were still compassionate people in this world who would help a stranger the way they all did.

Howard wanted to work with developmentally and multi-disabled students. The SEC staff worked with him to update his resume and his computer skills. Howard gathered more confidence and began sending out resumes and completing applications.

A teaching position became available in another state, and Howard was asked to visit for an interview. The school's principal was really impressed with Howard's teaching skills and experiences. They hired him almost immediately. He really liked the place and found an apartment for a small monthly rent. Howard returned to Ohio, packed up, thanked everyone who had helped him, and said goodbye. He began working when school started that September.

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Mar 11th

Mary Lou,

*I got the job! I interviewed at 9am, left at 9:30, and they called at 10:00am. I start tomorrow.*

Vicky H

March 19<sup>th</sup>

*I feel that Job Club is an excellent experience to prepare you for a better outlook of how to handle the present work force. It provides you with the tools you need. I would recommend Job Club to all those who are attempting to go back out into the working world because we all need refresher courses.*

Sincerely,

Sheila B

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Dear Don,

I want you to know that after I attended the Mini Job Fair in February, I have been in contact with two company/agencies that I really thought might interest me. I began working part time with Simply

EZ Home Delivered Meals for my first day today.

March 31<sup>st</sup>

Hello Don,

I just got a call from Camp Y Noah, and it looks like I will be working there, too. So there is good news for those who apply themselves and follow up on the Job Fair and the contacts!

Thanks again - twice!

Lenny F

April 17<sup>th</sup>

Don,

*I'd like to inform you that I accepted a position in a doctor's office today.*

*Thank you and your team for making this possible! I would not have gotten this job without the referral from the Senior Center and the excellent guidance I received as a member of your job club. I had many years of experience in the business world but didn't know how to verbalize or convey the skills I had acquired and transfer those skills to other industries until I attended job club.*

Sincerely,

Vicky H.

April 24th

Dear Don,

*Thank you for teaching us the new skills and approach we need to get a position in this job market. Your information is "priceless," especially with the expertise you have in this new way to apply and research the job (i.e. targeting the company). All the additional information about identity theft, addressing credit problems and felony (incarceration) issues is also very helpful.*

Sincerely,

Jana M

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Hi Don & Mary Lou,

*Just wanted to drop you a quick email to let you know I am still at Charles Schwab in Richfield. The work is diversified and busy. Keeps me on my toes to say the least. I have been here since September of 2008.*

*I want to keep in-touch because you and Mature Services were a big help in getting me into the workforce and with confidence.*

Thank you.

Melody K

June 12th,

Dear Don and Chris,

*Good News! Just want to let you know that I have accepted a job offer from Medina County District Library. I will start on June 23, 2009.*

kindest regards,

Bob L

If you are a job seeker, 55 or over, who needs to upgrade his/her skills, the Senior Employment Center provides community-based services to assist you. Call us at: (330) 762-8666 or, visit us online at: [www.matureservices.org](http://www.matureservices.org)



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