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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ernest Roberts
Executive Director, PVJOBS

I think we all owe ourselves a pat on the back for electing a promising young African American as our new president. I believe President Obama is correct in attempting to elicit a sense of volunteerism among the American people. Certainly, President Obama cannot do it alone. He will need our support.

Of the initiatives that the President has put forward, one of them is critical to the mission of PVJOBS and our local communities. With declines in the construction industry contributing to the nation's unemployment distress, the President's proposed infrastructure construction initiative will put people back to work. It is not only the construction trades that will benefit, but also peripheral businesses and organizations, as they'll increase sales as a result of generating more economic activity.

This proposed initiative, when coupled with provisions for employment for our local at-risk citizenry, will contribute to the betterment of our communities. Our general economic welfare should improve as more money flows into our communities. There will also be more employment opportunities for marginalized individuals, which should reduce crime and increase safety.

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PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE GETS RESULTS FROM PVJOBS PARTNERSHIP

People Helping People is synonymous with its name: a community-based organization that seeks to serve the needs of others. Based in South Central Los Angeles, People Helping People is best known around town for its shelter programs operated from its two housing facilities: a 236-bed facility for its winter shelter program, and a 110-bed facility for its year-round shelter program.



People Helping People Director Melvin Gilstrap enjoys a break in one of the organization's shelter facilities.

Yet, People Helping People is more than a sheltering service. Through its transitional living program, the nonprofit offers employment referral services to help people begin leading self-sufficient lives. Since partnering with PVJOBS four years ago, People Helping People has assisted 80 at-risk individuals in finding employment.

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PVJOBS Employment Update

Though infrastructure construction has maintained, residential construction is down and partially offset construction employment. Consequently, we have not been able to place as many individuals in the last six months of 2008 as we had hoped – only 108 people. However, new infrastructure spending as a result of recent bond approvals

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JOSEPH CABRAL: Overcoming Obstacles

As a security guard for a local nonprofit, 52-year-old Joseph Cabral feels exceedingly fortunate to be working. "The hours are tough, but I'm grateful just to have a job," he says about his new position that he landed through PVJOBS.

Cabral's gratitude is unyielding because he was released from a 27-year prison sentence less than six months ago. "In the school of hard knocks, I have learned the value of recovery and freedom," he reveals. And for Cabral, that road to recovery has been a long and arduous one.

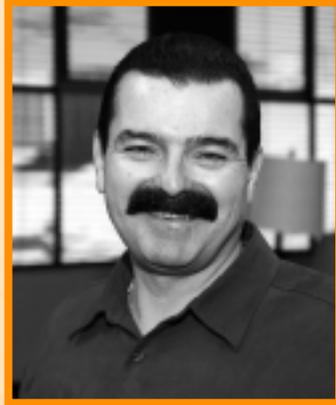
Born in Canada, Cabral was raised by a single mother in the Los Angeles suburb of Paramount. Although his mother worked hard to raise her three children on her own, Cabral rebelled by running with the wrong crowd, leading to his first juvenile sentence when he was just 12. As a teen, he became a heroin user, often resorting to petty crimes to support his addiction. But at 25, Cabral was put away for good when a store he heisted ended in a deadly shooting. Even though his accomplice pulled the trigger, Cabral was given a seven-to-life prison sentence for his participation in the incident.

While serving the first eight years of his sentence, Cabral didn't care much about his life. It wasn't until he was ordered to remain in "the hole" for nearly a year that he decided to ponder his existence. "I had a talk with God. All my life I had been doing the wrong things, and then I wanted to do the right things," he says. "I had little hope of ever getting out at that point. But I had a desire, and that was a beginning." After returning to his cell, he began a journey of restoration by getting involved in several prison programs, like a welding training course and a mentoring program.

When he was released from prison in October, Cabral headed straight to the Walden House to participate in their sober living program. Determined to reenter society as a productive citizen, Cabral was introduced to PVJOBS, which soon placed him in his current security job.

Experiencing such a huge life transition in a relatively short amount of time has not deterred Cabral from dreaming further. He hopes to one day work as a welder and volunteer as a substance abuse counselor.

Instead of dwelling on his past, Cabral says he focuses on his recovery's silver lining. "Those years were not easy...it was the hardest thing I've ever done. But through a daily conscious and persevering effort, you can overcome many seemingly insurmountable obstacles."



Joseph Cabral

"What makes us unique is that we give people third and fourth chances when most people won't even give you a second chance," says People Helping People Director Melvin Gilstrap, who himself was unemployed for four years before accepting an offer to work for the nonprofit. "Our motto is that we'll help people who help themselves."

Gilstrap also says that partnering with PVJOBS has helped their job seekers get real results. "If you send clients to PVJOBS, best believe that they'll do their part to help them," he says. "They're a class act organization."



Gilstrap is pictured in front of a People Helping People facility.

INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

~ Dale Carnegie

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination."

~ Tommy Lasorda

"Never consider the possibility of failure; as long as you persist, you will be successful."

~ Brian Tracy

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gives us cause for optimism in the coming months.

We still need women interested in beginning apprenticeships in the construction crafts. Under a contract with the Department of Labor, we are looking for "a few good women" who have the desire to learn and succeed as an apprentice. For more information, please contact Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217.

PVJOBS Stats (as of 1/16/09)

Project	Goal	Current Attainment
Playa Vista	10% at-risk	12.7%
LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond	30% local	34%
LACCD Proposition A&AA Bond	6% at-risk	8%

PVJOBS Overall Performance	
General Program	1,587
Build LACCD (construction)	686
Build LACCD (interns)	643

PVJOBS is expanding one of our contracted programs to include a Green Jobs program. Candidates for this program will receive training and supportive services through the Los Angeles Community College District to enable entrance into one of the many exciting new green career opportunities. This program is still in development and will be initiated in March 2009. Please contact Michael Flores at (213) 996-2533 for more information.

A new "Tech Math" course is currently being scheduled. Participants who complete this eight-week, Saturday-only class can use this course as the algebra pre-requisite for electrician union entry, and be prepared for the entrance test for the electrician and sheetmetal unions. We anticipate that this course will start in late February. Please contact Jeffery Henderson at (310) 590-1217 for further information.

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Though funding these projects will cost substantial amounts of money, I think that increased tax revenues will ultimately offset much of these expenditures. I also believe that mitigating pain and reinitiating a future for those in our communities is probably worth the balance. Therefore, I support the President's economic recovery plan, particularly as it relates to infrastructure development.

PVJOBS At Work

JEANETTE BURNS: Mission Accomplished

Forty-six-year-old laborer Jeanette Burns is much older than most workers entering the construction world. But she doesn't let her age doubt herself. "People have pointed out my age, but I don't let it discourage me," says Burns, who recently joined the laborers union. "I made it, even when others younger than me didn't."



Jeanette Burns

While she admits that her demanding job is challenging, Burns surmises that her job is a fair tradeoff for the fulfillment she experiences. "Building things and working side by side with a team makes me feel good," she says.

Feeling good about herself is perhaps her job's greatest benefit, given her past of struggling with a sense of self worth. Raised the youngest daughter of eight siblings, Burns grew up watching her parents strive to keep their family "above water." As a teen, Burns ventured into the wily streets of South Central Los Angeles to escape the responsibilities within her own household. At 14, her life abruptly changed when she became pregnant, forcing her to drop out of school to raise her young daughter.

Still, Burns didn't let motherhood pry her away from the streets. She eventually became hooked on drugs, a habit that spawned for more than a decade. But when she faced a yearlong incarceration for her drug use, she was forced to rethink her life. "It was an awakening," says Burns, who by then had three more children. "I thought about my four daughters, and I realized that I needed to get my life together."

Following her release, she visited the West Adams Urban League WorkSource Center to find employment. When a counselor referred her to PVJOBS, she eagerly visited the job program's orientation before deciding to pass on a chance to enter the construction field. "I wasn't sure I could do it," she confides.

After working odd jobs over the next two years, she finally regained the confidence to revisit PVJOBS. She soon enrolled in the Laborers Bootcamp, a laborers training program that she graduated from last summer. Since then, she has worked at numerous construction sites throughout Los Angeles. "It takes strength and endurance to do this job," she says. "You have to really want it and apply yourself to make it."

As she aims to land a long-term construction assignment, she's vowed to never again let a challenge prevent her from creating a better future. "No one should let people tell you what you can't do," she says. "If there's something out there that you want to do, you should do it."