



Pyramid Professional Resources



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Jobs Needed By Our Clients :

Auto Mechanic
Clerical
Customer Service
Distribution
Human Resources
Industrial Mechanic
Machine Operator
Maintenance
Mechanical Engineer
Sales

Left Out of the Bailout: The Poor

The Nov. 25, 2008 TIME magazine states: "Recent data show poverty is already rising quite substantially," says Robert Greenstein, the executive director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "There is a strong potential for more hardship and destitution than we have seen in this country in a number of decades." "An estimated 36.5 million Americans currently live below the poverty line, but those numbers will likely increase by as many as 10.3 million if current projections for the depth and duration of the recession hold true." The article continues to say that "the number of people using food stamps has risen 9.6% or roughly 2.6 million people, between August 2007 and August 2008, the last period for which data are available. Food banks around the country are reporting longer lines even as donations are falling.

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How the Economy has Effectuated PPR:

Pyramid has been deluged with applicants for our job program. We've doubled our numbers, and still have to turn away applicants. So far, for November-December 50% have gotten full time jobs, and 25% have received seasonal holiday related jobs. We expect some of these back to pursue full time permanent work after Christmas. In spite of hard times, we find our people hard workers, trying to learn to use the computer, looking for jobs, being willing to start over again, and making a difference in our community.

One of our many success stories...

David Moore was born in Dayton, Ohio. His father was the Chief of Police and his mother a stay at home Mom for five siblings. Due to a head injury, he had reconstructive surgery on the right side of his head. David had a normal upbringing, went to college for several years and was self employed in construction for ten years. He got into drugs, and paid the price in prison. After prison, he came to Lexington in search of a new life. He became involved in the recovery Program at Quest and entered our program in February of 08. Still having a struggle with Drugs, he entered the Swartz Center for 30 days. Came out and got



a job immediately. He is now employed with Johnson's Commercial Flooring, Inc., in Louisville. Johnson's is in the process of purchasing houses in Lexington to house and hire 70 to 90 men to live in these houses to help with recovery, training for a job skill and provide a job with their Commercial Flooring Company. David's faith has helped him overcome his drug habit, and to give back to society and the community by helping others.

Yearly Reunion Held:

October 22, the yearly reunion was celebrated with a number of old and new clients in attendance. The Committee of: Rita Baker, Volunteer Grace Perreiah and Christopher Wetmore put a festive evening together with table decorations, gift cards and great food.

The Famous Handbag: Sometimes in trying to help someone we can go a little too far with hilarious results.



S.B. was able to secure a job passing out literature during the political campaign. However, she needed either a handbag or a purse to hold the brochures. After much looking, we found a purse with an opening on the side that would allow her to just reach in, take a pamphlet out and put it in the door. It was an odd looking purse, but it served her needs very well. A few days later, she came back to PPR and with great humor explained why the bag had such a neat opening for the brochures. It was a doggie carrier, complete with ventilation on the other side. But it worked!

Did you know? The life expectancy of homeless persons is less than for other Americans, and their rates of illnesses of all kinds are far greater than for others. -The McdKinney-Vinten Act

Spotlight on PPR Treasurer and Volunteer

On February 19, 2006, I picked up the newspaper and saw a picture of one of my mother's and my favorite people – Ruth Mark. At the time I was involved in activities at Second Presbyterian Church, an Expert Vocational Witness for the Social Security Administration, rode and showed Kentucky Mountain Horses, and I did my best for friends who had heard I knew something about computers – a field I had retired from 16 years earlier.

I didn't really need more to do. However, here was an article about an organization Ruth had founded which had as its objective the facilitation of employment of people who are homeless. Having earned a Masters Degree as a vocational counselor, I could hardly ignore this program called Pyramid Professional Resources. I made an appointment to speak with Ruth and have been involved with PPR ever since.

I have since cancelled my contract with the Social Security Administration so that I could increase my time with the church, PPR and my horses. The activity with the horses was documented recently in the Garrard County News by a good friend, Connie Coppings. The article titled "Act My Age" says, "I have a friend who got bucked off a horse this week. Now there's nothing unusual about that, but the fact that she's approaching her 70th birthday in a few weeks puts a different spin on the story. She's pretty excited that she managed to stay on till the third buck, but today she told me, "I know people are just dying to say, 'Why doesn't she act her age,' "but they won't say it to my face." You also need to know this is a person who didn't officially retire until September 30th this year, does many hours of volunteer work each week, and is very active in her church. I hope I act like that when I'm her age---well, minus getting bucked off a horse."

PPR, with its amazingly talented staff, volunteers and clients, has certainly treated me far better than the horses have recently!

