

PVCC NETWORK 2WORK

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

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"Be the change that you wish to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi

Are YOU the Change?



PEERS: please take a moment & answer our **Question of the Month**

With your feedback, we can better serve you and your seeker!

Partner Highlight: United Way Thomas Jefferson Area (UWTJA)

For the past 11 years, UWTJA has been providing an invaluable resource to our community by coordinating and hosting the CVILLE Tax Aid program. This year, CVILLE Tax Aid will commence free tax preparation services starting January 28. The program offers free tax preparation for most taxpayers with household incomes of \$55,000 or less. Since 2007, the program has prepared over 19,800 returns with a cumulative economic impact of \$33 million for the local community.

Spread the word and let folks know they can start signing up for their *free* tax preparation session now!

[CVILLE TAX AID FLYER](#)

SAVE YOUR MONEY. FILE FREE.

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD MAKES LESS THAN \$55,000* A YEAR, YOU QUALIFY FOR **FREE TAX FILING** WITH AN IRS-CERTIFIED TAX PREPARER.

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED -
SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION
OR CALL 434-972-1703.

**FOR QUICKEST REFUND,
SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT NOW!**

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*\$55,000 income limit for individual or combined income of married, filing jointly.



Job-seeker of the Month Lyneshia Parrish



Lyneshia's Path: Lyneshia earned her C.N.A. in July 2017 and has worked as a C.N.A. ever since. Her career goal is to become labor and delivery nurse. She recently received a loaner vehicle through Network2Work, making transportation to and from work easier, and further freeing her to to take additional trainings which will further her efforts in becoming an RA.

Lyneshia's Experience with us: Lyneshia has enjoyed her experience with Network2Work, stating that the program has "[given her] the opportunity to succeed and reach [her] goals faster than [she] could do on [her] own." Additionally, Lyneshia "[hopes] more people get to access Network2Work to better themselves and their career

possibilities.”

Lynessa’s Advice: “Never give up. No matter what – just keep going, make sure you enjoy the job that you are going for. If you don’t like the job, then you’re not going to stay.”

Are you working with an *outstanding* Job-seeker?

Share the story of their hard work!
Just email their name to: smendoza@pvcc.edu

Have a Spare Cell Phone?

Chances are, you have an old cell phone laying around at home. Cell phone donations help our Job-seekers communicate with employers and our team. Please consider donating your spare cell phone!



Cell phone donations can be dropped off at our office:
233 4th St. NW, Room 129, Charlottesville, VA
The Jefferson City School Center

Thank you for helping our job-seekers!



INVEST in & GROW your Job-Seeker

Ready, Set, SOAR!

Designed to inspire, encourage, and enhance your Job-seeker's skills.
Our one-week workplace readiness workshops are up and running. If your Seeker has completed their training, or is ready to apply for their identified job, they are required to enroll in a **Ready, Set, SOAR** class!

To enroll, contact Tori Maxey at:
vmaxey@pvcc.edu or 434-961-5255

Ready, Set, Soar Schedule:
Tuesday February 12th & 19th
9:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.
Jefferson City Center School, room J111

Jobs@Jefferson

A required networking event for Job-seekers that includes:

Mock Interviewing

Resume Reviews

Job Readiness Interviews

Our next Jobs@Jefferson: February 26th 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Community Resources



Do you know someone who needs help getting an ID? Well, look no further.

Project ID and Spread The Vote are located in the Jefferson City Center, **233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA.**

In addition to helping individuals get an ID, they also:

- MAKE ELECTION GUIDES FOR REAL PEOPLE
- CREATE DIGITAL AND REAL-WORLD EDUCATIONAL TOOLS
- EDUCATE VOTERS 365 DAYS A YEAR
- HELP VOTERS MAKE AND EXECUTE A PLAN TO VOTE

Want to learn more or get involved? Contact the Charlottesville Project ID/Spread The Vote Chapter at:

434-233-4840 or Charlottesville@spreadthevote.org

SpreadTheVote

Peer of the Month Shayla Givens

Shayla's Start: In 2016, while she was working as the Intake Coordinator at the Haven, Shayla joined Network2Work as a Peer. What impressed Shayla about the program was, "how [Network2work] connected with employers that paid a living wage; with the idea that Job-seekers can move up a career ladder instead of being stagnate in low paying jobs with no opportunity for advancement."



Shayla's Experience: "My experience has been great. I have been so impressed with the tool and how it really is a one stop shop. I really appreciate the Onboarding process, which I feel helps Job-seekers stay engage, and, lets them know exactly which steps they need to take to move through the program. It's easy to follow, which in turn makes it easier for the Job-seeker to actually become successful."

Shayla's Advice to Peers: "My advice would be to start slow. Enroll one or two Seekers, learn how the process works from start to finish before you take on more. Try not to be overwhelmed by all the questions in the screening tool. Its robust and meant to be comprehensive to better serve you and your seeker. That way, you do not have to go out and make those connections or referrals yourself. A little prodding goes a long way to the Job-seeker, so try and stay engaged even with a text or email, any way to keep nudging them."

Shayla's "Why?": "Having tangible resources, real jobs, and, being able to see the progress of my Seeker as he walks the pathway. But really, most of all, Network2Work has provided me with more layers of support. Whereas before, the onus was all on me as a Caseworker to do and resolve everything on my own. Network2Work has taken a lot of that pressure off, which in turn, has helped me become a better Peer to my Seekers."

Who do YOU know that would make a great Peer?

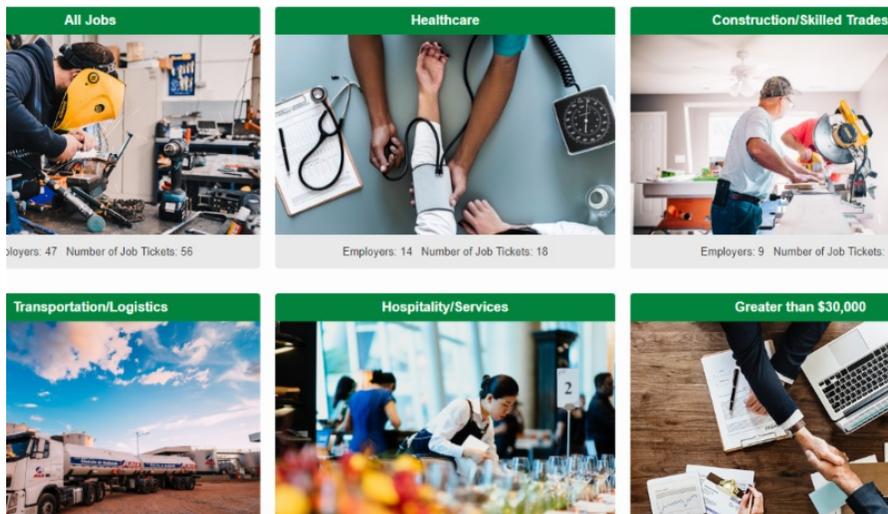


Have them sign up for a Peer Network Training!

We have training's scheduled in February, so spread the word!
To register, complete a brief survey by clicking or sharing this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/www-PeerNetwork-com>

Employer Corner



You asked, we responded!

You can now view the jobs in the Network by category instead of endless scrolling. Log in and check out the new job roster features! We hope you like it as much as we do!



As always, if you have ideas or suggestions on how we can improve your N2Work Tool experience, send them our way!

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Network2Work!**

