



## To Our Jobs Partnership Family,

As we navigate these uncharted waters, I have found great comfort in one of my favorite Bible promises from Psalm 91:10 – “For he will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways”.

That’s why I am reaching out to update you on how my team at Jobs Partnership is responding to this unprecedented moment in time. First, we have made the bold decision to continue serving the largest class enrollment in JP’s 20-year history. Our top priority is the 195 participants currently enrolled in our LifeWorks training, and we are moving them, along with their volunteer coaches, to a virtual platform starting on March 31, 2020.

Little did we know that our work over the last two years to produce Instructor videos for all of the LifeWorks topics would position us for a time such as this, allowing us to continue the classes on a virtual platform and prioritize the safety of our participants, volunteers, and staff. We even have a new virtual interview tool, thanks to the generosity of Employment Technologies.

The first step is to help our participants move through the remainder of the LifeWorks class using the new online platform. And with our strong network of partners and our established collaborative processes, we will be directing many of our participants to publicly-funded accelerated skills training that will lead to certification and full-time employment in targeted high demand jobs, even in this current labor market.

With the swelling ranks of unemployed Americans (3 million), Jobs Partnership is needed more than ever to serve and redirect job seekers to new opportunities. That’s why we are also preparing to provide virtual services and resources to those whose employment has been disrupted by COVID-19. We are innovating to stand in the gap for those in need right now.

We are so grateful for all of our Church, Business, and Community Partners that are collaborating with us to lead and serve through this difficult time. Together, we are leveraging our resources for collective impact as we prepare people in our community to deal with the new challenges in life and work.

Sincerely,

**Marc Stanakis**



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