

Working World

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Working On Working, Inc. Loses An Important Board Member



“May 16, 2006, is a day that will be stamped in my memory forever,” says Executive Director Shena’ Young. “Today we have lost a Board Member and a GOOD friend!” Shortly after 10 p.m. Board Member Jesse Munoz, was heading east on Interstate 285 in Cobb County, GA, when his 1998 Dodge Caravan ran off the exit ramp, struck a tree and burst into flames. Jesse, who was confined to a wheelchair, with limited use of his arms and no use of his legs, was pinned in and

couldn’t get out in time, police said.

Jesse, who became disabled after suffering a surfing accident 10 years ago, defied the odds and proved that life in a wheelchair was not necessarily a confining one. He was an athlete, a singer, and a flirt! He was mostly known for his big smile and even bigger caring HEART! Jesse had every opportunity to look at life in a negative way, but he chose to ignore the obstacles and dedicate his life to helping others. He was a participant and supporter of the Power Soccer Team. He traveled worldwide

with the team, and anticipated bringing the 2007 World Championship game to Gwinnett County, Georgia.

“I can’t believe this has happened,” says Juan of the Big Heart Foundation. An organization founded by Ed Hartwell of the Atlanta Falcons.

From all of us.....

We are going to miss you Jesse!



Fulton County Workforce Development

Working On Working, Inc. is pleased to announce the collaboration with Fulton County Workforce Development, to provide computer and job training skills to participants of their North Fulton County Career Center. Participants meet twice a week, for

two hours a day to train on Microsoft Word, resume writing, interviewing techniques, and typing. Participants will be given pre- and post-assessment test to determine their knowledge of Microsoft Word. They will also have the opportunity to hold mock inter-

views with area professionals that have donated their time towards the success of our participants. This 12-week session will conclude July 20, 2006 with a completion ceremony at the center 5:30pm-7:30pm. Awards will be presented.

Thanks for Your Donations!

Working On Working, Inc. would like to thank all of our donors

Computer Donations:

Amber Owens; Joe Arcara; Harold Baron; Ashlie Kyles; Lans Rothfus; Richard Goodlett; Fannie Mae Corporation.

We would like to personally thank everyone that has donated computer equipment to Working On Working, Inc. Computer equipment is essential to the success of our program. It enables us to train participants, and get them familiar with the various types of computer equipment.

Business Attire Donations:

Jesse Munoz; Mr. Care Cleaners; Shena' Young.

Business clothing is very important to our organization. With all the generous clothing donations, we are able to provide appropriate clothing for a job interview, in the event that our participants do not have business attire.

In addition to donations made by private donors, we receive dona-

tions via the United Way Gifts in Kind Atlanta and National Cristina Foundation.



2006 Sales Tax Holiday and Energy Efficient Products Holiday August 3—6, 2006.....DON'T MISS IT!

House bill 1219 provides for a sales tax exemption from both state and local sales taxes for four (4) days, August 3—6, 2006, for covered items and specific energy efficient products.

Articles of Clothing. The exemption applies to articles of clothing and footwear with a sales price of \$100 or less per item. Clothing accessories such as handbags, umbrellas, cuff links, handkerchiefs, jewelry, key cases, wallets, watches and watch bands, and ponytail holders and/or similar hair products are not exempt (taxable). Backpacks, bibs, briefcases, fabric and yarn, rented clothing and footwear, clothing repair items (such as buttons, zippers, patches, threads, etc.) eyewear, cosmetic bags, fanny packs, hard hats, and costumes are also taxable.

Personal Computers. A single purchase of \$1,500 or less of personal computers and/or related accessories is exempt. If the single purchase exceeds \$1,500, the entire transaction is taxable. Computer games, CD/DVD (music, voice or pre-recorded), computer bags, controllers, game consoles and systems, gaming software, joy sticks, LCD/plasma televisions, MP3 players, PDA's, projectors, and digital cameras are all taxable.

General School Supplies. The exemption applies to the purchase of general school supplies with a sales price of \$20 or less per item. Books (except children's books, dictionaries and thesauruses), briefcases, envelopes, janitorial supplies, medical supplies, supplies used in a trade or business are taxable.

Energy Efficient Products. The purchase of energy efficient products with a sales price of \$1,500 or less is exempt. The product must meet or exceed EPA and DOE standards for energy efficient products and be purchased for home or personal use.



The exemptions are intended for an individual's personal use. The exemptions exclude items rented, leased, purchased by businesses, or purchased for resale.

Working On Working, Inc. Goes to South Africa with the Atlanta Tribune

March 24, 2006, marked a historical day for Working on Working, Inc. Executive Director Shena' Young. It was her first trip abroad, and it was a trip of a lifetime. Thanks to the Atlanta Tribune and Dr. Felicia Suttle of South African Tourism, Miss Young was the winner of the trip to South Africa during the "Moving Your Business Forward" conference hosted by the Atlanta Tribune in October 2005. The journey began at the first stop in Johannesburg, the largest South African city, boasting a population of 10 million. In Johannesburg, the tour group indulged in the luxury of the Michelangelo Hotel in Sandton, Johannesburg. The Michelangelo is surrounded by the posh Nelson Mandela Square, the busiest business center and lavish shopping are in Johannesburg. There is a massive bronze statue of President Nelson Mandela oversees the posh shopping plaza, that rivals the likes of Atlanta's Phipps Plaza with its luxury and upscale galleries and shops. The evening ended with a trip to Lesedi Village, where we learned about ancient African rituals. Next stop, a day trip to Soweto. Soweto still represents the poverty that encompasses a majority of the South African people. We visited an informal settlement in Soweto, where many residents live in tin shacks without running water, electricity, or a toilet. They cook, eat, and sleep in a one room shack that



generally houses a 6 member family. After an emotional day in Soweto, the tour group moved out of the Michelangelo, and on to the natural surroundings of the Bakubang Lodge Game Reserve, where an occasional group of African Spider Monkeys extended their friendship to the tour group. The trip to the lodge would have not been complete without a safari. So, everyone was loaded into open-air jeeps with an experienced game ranger, and off on safari we went! Our mission was to spot the "big five": elephants, lions, leopards, rhinos, giraffes. We actually caught 4 out of 5. We saw elephants rhinos, giraffes, and lions. Located within miles of the lodge is Sun City, the "Las Vegas" of South Africa. After a day of gambling, the group rested for an early morning departure to the beautiful coastal and mountainous Cape Town. With a view that resembles that of San Francisco, Cape Town was a wonderful place to conclude our 10-day journey. It's dramatic location lies at the foot of Table Mountain and on the shore of Table Bay where two oceans meet. As the group made it's ascent to the top of Table Mountain, we got to look at the breath-taking view of early morning clouds over Cape Town. As we made our way around the Cape, our final destination, Robben Island was one of beauty and devastation. Robben Island, the home of Nelson Mandela for 27 years, while



incarcerated for his political views during Apartheid. When Apartheid ended in 1994, it was determined that Robben Island, be converted into a museum in 1995. The tours to the island are facilitated by ex-political prisoners. This enables visitors to get the total understanding of the environment as seen through the eyes of the people that actually were affected by the inhumane treatment that was afflicted upon them. It was devastating to hear about and see the horrible living conditions, the treatment and classification of "blacks" and "coloreds". Although, Apartheid ended in 1994, it is necessary for everyone to understand the struggle and the affects it has on, not only the lives of the South African people, but the entire world.



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Pictures in the order of presentation:

- 1) Married Lesedi Village woman, wearing the traditional attire. The metal rings around her neck and ankles were classified as deterrents to run away and/or look at other men.
- 2) The tin one-room shacks that up to 6 members of a family would occupy in the informal settlement in Soweto.
- 3) Zack, Bakubang Game Reserve ranger.
- 4) A view of Cape Town from atop Table Mountain.
- 5) Executive Director Shena' Young and tour guide who is an ex-political prisoner of Apartheid.



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Working On Working, Inc.'s

Words of Wisdom

Interview Tip #1: Keep in mind that most interviewers perform "Behavioral" interviews, so it is best to have situations in mind prior to the interview. Be able to give examples and outcomes.

Interview Tip #2: It is always good to take extra resumes to your interview. Be sure to take at least two. One for the interviewer and the other for yourself.

Interview Tip #3: Send "Thank You" note or email within 24 hours of your interview. In the note, reiterate your skills and qualifications, your benefits to the potential employer, and your availability to start.



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