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3RD ADDITION NEWS...

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On April 4, 2009, Gordon House Youth SEARCH in Partnership with CAPERS on Robson St. Held a very successful car wash fundraiser. GREAT WORK!!

GORDON HOUSE YOUTH SEARCH. QUICK UP-DATE!

New Location

We have had 14 years of great memories and successes at our old back alley location on 1401 Comox street. March 29th of 2009 we closed that chapter.

But, only to turn a new page full of new experiences challenges and great successes.

Paul made the transition very smooth and we strongly recommend him for assisting you in finding that "great" commercial space.

We would like to thank Paul Oteman, BA Managing Broker

at RPM Realty Ltd. and his team in helping us find a great location for our program. His knowledge of commercial office space and his dedication on getting the job done is outstanding.

Come by to our new location at #300-853 Richards Street. We are close to Sky trains busses, and even a bike path.

Skills Link Up Date!

In April we have accepted 12 new participants to start the first session of our 2009 program.

We are proud to announce that 11 of the 12 have graduated the Group Based Employability Skills and are now working hard at getting their placements.

Housing Up Dates

For the past six months we have worked with 24 clients and found housing for 17 youth.

We distributed 8 housing kits, several beds, couches, tv, stereo and various other items that makes a home more comfortable.

We are very proud of the hard work and dedication our staff has put towards this project.

But we are most proud of the youth who did not give up the search.

This is a tough market and housing in Vancouver is unaffordable. The average rent is \$960 for a 400 square foot bachelor in Vancouver.

However, it is not the only choice. Call our housing worker to help you tap into the hidden rental units.

YOUTH SEARCH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAFFLINES COMEDY CLUB HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!

LAFFLINES COMEDY COMEDY CLUB IN NEW WEST.

GREAT SUCCESS!! THE STAFF WERE AMAZING! IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BOOK A FUNDRAISER THEY ARE THE PEOPLE TO TALK TO. PHONE # (604) 525-2262



John Wing

Erica Sigurdson

We Would Like to Thank The Following Companies And Supporters

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| 1. The Umbrella Shop | 15. First Touch Soccer |
| 2. Jas Felter – Artist | 16. Vera’s Burger Shack |
| 3. Red Robin Restaurant | 17. Canadian Outback Adventures |
| 4. West Marine | 18. Fitness World |
| 5. William David Finn – Artist | 19. Big Bus |
| 6. Supernova Hair Salon | 20. Burger King |
| 7. Lip Gloss and Lashes | 21. C-FOX |
| 8. Vancouver Sky Diving Centre | 22. Rogers Video |
| 9. Dream Makers | 23. Lush |
| 10. Sugarlocs Salon | 24. Starbucks |
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| 12. Safeway | 26. JobWave |
| 13. House of Jewels | 27. |
| 14. Jack FM | |

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Funders



Donations

- Cineplex Odeon 24 movie tickets
- The Vancouver Food Bank
- The Giants hockey tickets

Sponcers

We are currently seeking sponcers for our Art-therapy program. Please contact Julio Bello for more info at 604-687-8868

ADVERTISE!



If you would like us to advertise your program or company please contact Julio for more info.

JOB SEEKING IN THIS ECONOMIC CRISIS

Like an iceberg, the job market is approximately 20% visible and 80% hidden!



There is No Substitute for Effort!

Tips for Youth: the Hidden Job Market is your Salvation

By: Tyler McAuley

Having played team sports my whole life, I learned valuable lessons and headed valuable advise, but no more reign true then those 6 simple word muttered to me on a warm spring day; There is no substitute for effort. This is an ideal that that has stayed with me ever since, but I did not realize the wisdom of those words until I got much older. The wisdom of those words I am passing on to you because not only are they true in sports, but they are even more true in life. When the recession puts our most vulnerable at risk, the hidden job market is your salvation, but it won't come easy.

So many people in today's society have developed not only an interest in the internet but a dependence, and that is abundantly clear when entering any Employment Resource Center in the Lower Mainland. The internet in this context is counter-productive because using the internet allows the employer to filter through the best of the best. Employers will use the internet to look at resumes and unfortunately after having hundreds of applicants, they are forced to eliminate resumes with something as simple as a spelling mistake. With so many people falling victim to the recession through no fault of their own, they are forced into going outside of their comfort zone and seek other employment. With the internet being so ever-present, the youth of today are being taught to use the internet through various social networking sites but it becomes habitual and much like any habit the reliance on the internet must be broken, thus being able to access the hidden job market.

The hidden job market is, like you guessed, the jobs that are not advertised to the public via the internet, paper and those good ole "help

wanted signs". If you would like to get literal, I have heard that only 15% of all of the jobs that are available are advertised. If my math is correct, that leaves 85% of available jobs not advertised. Wait a minute, if I cannot use the internet....what do

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that to be able hidden job market is to go and find it. Too many people, especially youth, sit back and wait for the magic to happen, well Merlin, keep waiting. If you want your dream job, wait, let's keep it simple, if you want a job at all, then go out and get it. Feel free to use the internet if you have the following: A perfect resume, more education than everyone else and more experience than anyone else, and oh, by the way, lying on resume is not recommended. You are now at the essence of a conundrum, you stay at home and get nothing, or you go out and get it, which is a daunting task for the majority of people and prevents them from "pounding the pavement."

Employers are very receptive to people that take the initiative to meet with them face to face. A first impression is a lasting one and if you make that good first impression, that bodes well for you. Even if you approach the employer at the wrong time, you can ask to come back later in a respectful and thankful way; thus making a good first impression. Anytime that you can take the opportunity to "sharpen your game" I would suggest that you do. Yes, it is much like sharpening your game because that is what it is. If you want to become good at playing the guitar, are you going to learn by osmosis, like suddenly Kurt Cobain jumps into your body and

starts a rendition of Heart Shaped Box? No of course not, you have to practice. Well job hunting and accessing the hidden job market is no different, the more that you do it then the easier that it will become. The more times that you approach an employer you gain experience, and then you will learn. Even if you are rejected, then you learn what not to do. Apply the mentality that Thomas Edison had when making the light bulb. Thomas Edison discovered the light bulb on his 500th try and when asked if that was frustrating, he simply stated that he figured out 499 ways how to not make a light bulb.

Simply put, effort is the key. Do you think that Olympic athletes are the most talented in the world? Do you think that all of the students at University are geniuses? No they have to study and put forth the effort. Michael Jordan, who is arguably the greatest basketball player of all time, did not even make his high school team. What is it that separates them from all of the rest? The amount of effort that they put into whatever it is that they do. With natural talent and ability comes arrogance because if you do not have to work hard at something then you will take it for granted. Money earned is far more valuable then money that is inherited or given to you because it comes with pride and responsibility. Take pride in your job search, have confidence in your being, understand that the fear of speaking to employers is irrational, take the chance to be in the right place at the right time, that will certainly get you further then sitting behind a desk watching the world go by because luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.



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