

CHRISTIAN CARE CENTER

Fresh Start

Mission Statement: Meeting needs and sharing Christ with job seekers while assisting them in the process of securing gainful employment.

Purpose

Fresh Start is a job search assistance ministry. The program is designed to aid job seekers by identifying client skills and interests, assisting with resume and interview advice and alerting them to appropriate job listings and career training opportunities.

Program Details

Job seekers meet with Fresh Start counselors who assess their education, skill set and personal interests to determine what types of positions would best suit each individual. They offer assistance with creating or polishing resumes, honing interviewing skills and presenting a professional appearance. Counselors then guide clients through more than 250 current job leads and assist them in selecting appropriate listings and applying for those positions. Each week several hundred job postings are sent to all clients with email capability.

The staff of Fresh Start has extensive local and regional contacts within the business and educational community. They have relationships with job training agencies that offer free or low cost training to clients and with businesses who recruit through the Fresh Start program. They also offer seminars that are designed to give job seekers tools to more effectively market themselves and their skills.

Fresh Start also maintains a comprehensive job search website which contains articles pertaining to employment search topics, links to job search websites, local resources, assessment tools and advice for job seekers with troubled backgrounds.



Facilities

Fresh Start maintains an office in the CCC administration building. Computers are available for clients to use for job searches and resume development.

History

Fresh Start Ministry began in 2008 when the National and Central Florida economies had taken a major downturn and unemployment reached historical highs. The ministry leaders rolled up their sleeves and got to work helping those in our area who had suffered layoffs and job terminations due to difficult economic conditions. Fresh Start currently has 200 active clients.

Partnering Opportunities

Volunteer partnership opportunities include:

- Counsel with those searching for a job
- Assist with resume building
- Contact local businesses for job leads
- Regularly contact clients with job opportunities matching their individual skill sets
- Partner financially to help a client develop a resume, give job skill training or provide a seminar to equip job seekers

Staff

Fresh Start's staff consists of four to six volunteer positions:

- The Director oversees all operations of Fresh Start, its programs and facilities.
- Counselors have experience and expertise to assist clients with all program services.



Chip West

Fresh Start Director

Chip is a Certified Personal Consultant and has experience as the vice president and manager of an employment agency. He has served as president of a non-profit employment agency association and has many years in retail management. His heart's desire is that all have an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord. He is actively involved with Disaster Relief as a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team Chaplain and Samaritan's Purse. Chip and his wife Kim volunteer together in a variety of local ministries. They have been married 45 years, have 3 Children and 4 grandchildren.