



We're In This Together.

Dear Michael,

As we navigate the evolving COVID-19 crisis together, I want to acknowledge these disorienting times and express deep empathy for all those who have been affected in our own community and around the world.

We are in the midst of a global health pandemic that is impacting the economy - closing down businesses and leaving thousands of people without a way to earn a living - and we are only seeing the first wave of that impact.

JVS has always stepped up to meet the needs of our community. Throughout our history, we've responded to global crises by ensuring members of our local community can thrive. From our early work resettling Soviet Jewish emigres to our immediate expansion of service during the Great Recession in 2008, **JVS has remained unwavering in our commitment to connecting job seekers to good jobs.**

As a close supporter of JVS, I want to keep you informed of our current response:

- Our first priority has been to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, clients, and supporters. We have closed our office and shifted to fully remote services until further notice
- Our second priority has been to provide continuous service to our clients.

- We have shifted to fully virtual services for our Job Search Accelerator, Salesforce Admin, Dental Assistant, Quickbooks, Utilities pre-apprenticeships, and youth programming
- We are working with corporate partners to conduct virtual mock interview events to provide job seekers with ongoing connections to employers
- We are actively working with our corporate, government and school partners to educate our community on how to navigate a job search in these new circumstances

We stand arm-in-arm with all of our partners and supporters to mitigate the impact of job loss, layoffs, and disconnection.

The impact of this crisis has been shocking and rapid. Thousands of people have already been laid off and this is only the beginning.

We need your commitment and investment now more than ever to provide job seekers with the resources and support they need to access training and employment, to re-skill those who have been laid off, and to support those who lack the digital literacy skills to participate in our changed economy and labor market.

We will continue to keep you updated on the many ways you can help the most vulnerable members of our community.

Thank you for your dedication to JVS. We'll get through this together.

Warm Regards,

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Chief Executive Officer, JVS