

EQUIPPING PEOPLE WITH CRITICAL SKILLS



AS A KID I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A COMPUTER ENGINEER. I THOUGHT THAT I WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK BUT IT WAS DERAILED BY A LIFE-THREATENING CAR ACCIDENT.

I WAS OUT OF WORK, WAS FORCED TO DROP OUT OF COLLEGE. I HAD TO FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE ENDS MEET. I WAS BARTENDING AND SERVING BUT I WANTED MORE.

I HEARD ABOUT THE GOOGLE I-T TRAINING PROGRAM THROUGH A FAMILY MEMBER AND IT JUST CHANGED MY ENTIRE LIFE.

ALMOST EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT GOODWILL STORES. NOT AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT GOODWILL IS A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET HELP GETTING A JOB, BUILD YOUR SKILLS AND HELP SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY.

I HEARD ABOUT THIS PROGRAM FROM MY DAD BECAUSE I WAS HAVING A REALLY HARD TIME FINDING A JOB. I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN COMPUTERS BUT A LOT OF IT IS NOT VERY RECENT. WHAT I NEEDED WAS A DIRECTION.

WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE THAT TAKE THIS CLASS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE MORE MARKETABLE. DIGITAL SKILLS ARE JUST GOING TO BECOME EVEN MORE NECESSARY. CURRENT TECHNOLOGY IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING.

I DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND. I WANT TO BE UP THERE IN THE FRONT LINES OF WHAT'S GOING ON. I'M HERE FOR ONE THING AND I'M HERE TO LEARN. GOODWILL IS GIVING US A CHANCE TO ENHANCE OUR KNOWLEDGE IN COMPUTERS AND THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR INCOME.

THROUGH THE COMPUTER SUPPORT TECH TRAINING COURSE, I WAS ACTUALLY OFFERED AN INTERNSHIP HERE AT 501 TECH AND NOW IT'S A FULL-TIME JOB. EVERYTHING THAT I LEARN AT GOODWILL I CAN APPLY IN MY DAILY LIFE HERE AT WORK. IT'S DEFINITELY SURREAL TO KNOW THAT MY LIFE COULD BE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. GOODWILL HELPED BRING MY DREAM BACK TO LIFE.

WITH THE HELP OF GOOGLE.ORG, WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO HELP MORE THAN A MILLION PEOPLE, UPGRADE THEIR DIGITAL SKILLS AND BETTER ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO LET GO OF THEIR DREAMS AND SETTLE FOR JUST SURVIVING. PEOPLE NEED A CHANCE TO MOVE AHEAD AND GOODWILL PROVIDES THAT CHANCE.