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500 PEOPLE IN THE BAY AREA WILL GET TRAINING TO DEVELOP SKILLS THEY NEED TO FIND JOBS THANKS TO WELLS FARGO'S \$225,000 PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT IN JVS

San Francisco – The Bay Area's leading employment and training provider, JVS, received a \$225,000 grant from Wells Fargo today in support of the agency's efforts to provide people the professional skills they need to obtain jobs that can lead to stable, life-changing careers. The grant will specifically fund career pathway programs that address the critical skill-building needs of: people living in poverty with minimal work experience, at-risk youth and people who have been out of work for at least six months (long-term unemployed).

Supported programs include BankWork\$, a nation-wide program that JVS recently brought to the Bay Area. The 8-week program prepares adults from low-income and minority communities for careers in the financial services industry. Banking positions include tellers, customer service representatives, universal bankers and personal bankers.

"Bankworks is opening up doors I didn't know existed," said Marla Bradley, BankWork\$ participant. "I'm learning first-hand from banking employees about what it takes to grow a career in financial services. With JVS's training and my own commitment, I know I'll be able to be very successful in banking."

Additional funding from Wells Fargo is supporting JVS's new technology training programs for long-term unemployed as well as summer internship programs for at-risk youth. Launched last year through a multi-year grant from the Department of Labor, JVS's technology offerings include Salesforce Administrator training, with new training strategies informed by market demand in development. JVS's 5-month Salesforce Administrator training helps participants gain the skills needed to pass the Salesforce Administrator Certification Exam. Now in its third year, Summer Jobs Plus, a partnership between Wells Fargo and JVS, helps at-risk youth build skills, connections and confidence through summer jobs at local non-profits.

"The economic divide is growing in the Bay Area, making job search and career pathway programs vital," said Abby Snay, JVS Executive Director. "Helping people secure the kinds of jobs that can support families over the long-term-is good for business, good for those seeking jobs and, ultimately, good for our community."

"Wells Fargo is proud to philanthropically invest \$225,000 in JVS, so they can help their clients develop the skills they need to obtain jobs that improve their quality of life," said Greg Morgan EVP and San Francisco Bay region president. "When people join the workforce, not only do workers benefit, entire families become stronger and more stable and they are in a better position to take advantage of further opportunities. As a Community Bank, we want to be part of the solution to help people get ahead."

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About JVS

JVS (Jewish Vocational Service) is a nonsectarian nonprofit that has combatted unemployment for 40 years in the Bay Area. Their award-winning programs throughout San Francisco, the East Bay and the North and South Peninsulas help people build the skills and employer connections they need to find work and transform their lives.



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