



MEETING DETAILS

When: Every Wednesday

Where: John Brown University
Rogers Center

Time: 8:30am – 11:00am

Details: www.workmatters.org

Cost: Free

Orientation: For first time attendees

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altering the journey of business people between jobs
A ministry of **workmatters®**

OUR VISION

To alter the journey of business people between jobs.

OUR MISSION

To provide timely and relevant job resources, networking, and encouragement to business people between jobs.

OUR FOCUS

The Joseph Project was launched in January of 2009 by WorkMatters. The founders of The Joseph Project have all experienced a job loss during their careers. Due to this fact, there is a level of empathy and encouragement found at The Joseph Project that is unsurpassed by other organizations.

OUR IMPACT

The “great recession” we are currently experiencing has had a significant impact on business people around the world, but also right here in northwest Arkansas. While previously immune to economic downturns, this time our area is encountering job eliminations, terminations, and lay-offs. The Joseph Project is helping men and women turn the great recession into the recession that made us great.

- 2,500 people between jobs have attended The Joseph Project.
- Over 60 people have found a job through The Joseph Project.
- Nine Joseph Project members have launched new business ventures.

WHAT WE DO

- Conduct half-day career workshops twice a year
- Feature weekly guest speakers with expert advice on finding a job
- Facilitate weekly job search break-out sessions
- Provide networking opportunities with other business professionals
- Partner with northwest Arkansas Human Resources departments
- Provide specific job opportunities to participants
- Conduct periodic on-site resume reviews
- Provide faith-based encouragement and support

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“What I found at The Joseph Project meetings can be summed up in one word- **Support**. I was amazed at how many people were in attendance. The tables and chairs were full of people. We had great speakers that gave us great advice and access to resources that I otherwise would not have afforded. Thanks to The Joseph Project. I have stayed away from a personal pity party and kept a cool head during my job search.” -Chad

“I owe a debt of gratitude to The Joseph Project. I intend to spread the word to my friends and co-workers and stay in touch with my new friends at TJP. You all have been a joy to me.” -Nancy

“The Joseph Project has allowed me to discover, establish, and receive immediate home-styled support with diverse new friendships from like-minded individuals. I look forward to each meeting expecting and receiving fresh insights from others who have walked a similar road of adversity.” -Wayne

“I can still remember with certain clarity one of the lessons taught in the first meeting: Get up every morning and dress in your business casual, be at your desk by 8:00am and begin your work. Without the Joseph Project, I am confident I would have gone the other way - sat at home, become more depressed, withdraw from the world, and weaken in spirit. With the help of TJP I had the confidence to start my own business. I consider myself better off than before I lost my job, and I find it amazing.”
-Alan

“After 27 years of working for the same company my job was eliminated. That was 22 months ago and now I’m glad to announce that I have a new job and I am returning to work. In 2009 I was introduced to WorkMatters and The Joseph Project. What a difference this has made in my life. I met new people who were facing the same challenges that I was. I can’t express my gratitude enough for all the support and fellowship I received through TJP and the many wonderful people I met there.” -Linda

“In May of 2009, the effects of the downturn in the economy came home when my employer informed me that I was being laid off. I felt like I had been punched in the stomach. Five months into the job hunting process, a friend told me about The Joseph Project. There I found a warm group of people who through no choice of their own had been forced into the job hunting process but were willing to band together to support each other and equip one another for finding a job again. At every TJP meeting I picked up valuable tips for locating, interviewing for, and accepting a job. I developed a support network with the other attendees. Also, it was through another TJP member that connections were made that eventually lead me to find work again.” -Mike