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The WorkSource-Pasadena Holds Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting Celebration
Mall Location is Officially Open for Pasadena's Jobless

Pasadena, Texas – The WorkSource-Pasadena recently held a grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration at its new location in the Pasadena Town Square Mall. Pasadena Mayor John Manlove, along with more than 200 onlookers and members of the local business community, attended the festive ceremony, marking the beginning of a new era in Pasadena's employment.

"This is a great day for the city of Pasadena," said Jack Steele, executive director of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. "This office has the right concept, with the right people in the right place. It is a pleasure to be a part of this outstanding organization."

The office's new location, located in the Dillard's wing of the mall, offers free community access to computers, workstations and library materials to search for employment. In addition to job listings posted on public boards and in America's Job Bank, The WorkSource-Pasadena offers Internet access, a resource library, resume assistance and information about unemployment insurance compensation.

Those who attended the ceremonies were given group tours of the facility, which includes computer modules and workstations, a classroom for interviewing skills workshops and meeting space for employers to meet with potential employees. The guests enjoyed a lunch buffet, complete with an ice sculpture in the form of The WorkSource logo, and entertainment provided by the *City Limits* jazz duo.

"Our new location has a much more upscale look," said Meta Walters, Pasadena office manager. "It has a serpentine-like flow. It's very comfortable and not overcrowded."

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"This is a beautiful, state-of-the-art office, uniting the needs of employers who need quality workers and jobseekers who are interested in upgrading themselves and their positions," Steele said. "This will help to improve the economy at both the local and state level."

Mayor Manlove said The WorkSource has helped him find quality workers for his own business.

"As a business owner, I've personally used The WorkSource's services and have found some wonderful long-term employees who have come from here," Manlove said. "This is a great organization and it's great to have it here in our city. Thank you for being here!"

Damage from a tornado in October 2001 forced the original Pasadena landmark on Spencer Highway to close, dispersing its clientele base into five existing sites throughout the area. Six months later, in March, 2002, a temporary location opened inside Pasadena Square Mall. The new, permanent location is now fully staffed and already serving its Pasadena customers.

The WorkSource has served many of Greater Houston's employees and employers for more than seven years. A diverse organization, The WorkSource provides a wide range of employment services including job listings, career counseling and job workshops through its network of 32 career offices and four youth centers in the Houston-Galveston area. Dedicated to providing local communities with customer-oriented services, The WorkSource is a one-stop solution for both jobseekers and employers.

For more information about The WorkSource- Pasadena, please call (713) 472-1608, or visit www.theworksource.org.

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