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Throughout the year, The WorkSource provides special employment opportunities for residents who are looking for work. Individual employer hiring events are regularly held at career offices. Job fairs involving a variety of employers, chambers of commerce or an industry group looking for a large number of hires often are community events. In recent months, The WorkSource has successfully conducted and helped coordinate a number of these.

The Holiday Job Fair at The WorkSource-Downtown office was held with 13 employers looking for seasonal workers. There were over 550 attendees.



An Informational Open House for the Houston Police Department was held to provide information on the next police academy class and register those interested in taking the required civil service entrance exam. As a result of the event, 667 applicants took the exam—a record for the department.

The WorkSource helped organize a special job fair for 10 Federal law enforcement agencies needing to recruit employees for security positions across the nation. More than 1,200 attended the event. It was the second time in two years that these agencies came to The WorkSource to help with their hiring initiative.



YOUTH COUNCIL PROVIDES RELIEF FOR FLORIDA HURRICANE VICTIMS



In August, the Youth Council at The WorkSource—Northside Youth Center voted unanimously to initiate a food drive for the hurricane victims in Florida as part of its community service program. Two months later, the drive was held with the assistance of community partners, staff and other area youth. Donations included bottles of water, canned goods, rice, cereal, soft drinks, as well as clothes and more. As a result of its effort, The WorkSource youth group was able to donate 4,546 pounds of food through the Houston Food Bank for those affected by the storm.



The 2nd Annual North Channel Job Fair, sponsored by U.S. Congressman Gene Green, was a diverse, community event that brought together local employers with residents in The WorkSource-Northshore office area. Over 350 attended.



The Greater Houston Job Fair was a diverse, general employment event sponsored by the North Houston Greenspoint Chamber of Commerce, North Harris Montgomery Community College District and The WorkSource. A total of 27 companies participated in the fair and more than 1,200 individuals attended. Employers represented the health care, transportation, education, government, office services and manufacturing industries.



A Transportation Job Fair with more than 35 industry employers was held at The WorkSource-Northline office and was attended by 781 applicants.



NOTE: A complete list of The WorkSource's upcoming Job Fairs and Employer Events can be found on its Web site. Go to www.theworksource.org and "Find a Job."

THE WORKSOURCE COORDINATES COLLABORATION FOR RN CLINICAL TRAINING

In its ongoing effort to find new resources to meet the critical need for more registered nurses in the Gulf Coast region, The WorkSource has raised a multi-agency health care collaboration to new heights. It has been instrumental in securing a major competitive grant along with matching funds and in-kind services to provide the clinical portion of an RN's formal education in a new and innovative manner.

The program is known as WINNER, short for Workforce Increases in Nurses and Nursing facility: Excellence in Resource collaboration. It will provide two years of precepted clinical training for nursing students from 10 area schools. The Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board has awarded a three-year \$1.5 million grant to the collaboration. The John S. Dunn Research Foundation has committed to a match of up to \$250,000, and the Good Samaritan Foundation has committed to a match of \$30,000. Hospitals participating in the educational program will donate \$288,000 through loaned clinical teaching staff and clinic sites.

The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston will lead the project team that includes Lee College, Houston Community College, San Jacinto Community College, Alvin Community College, College of the Mainland, North Harris Montgomery Community College, Prairie View

A&M University, UTMB School of Nursing, and Texas Woman's University.

Hospitals providing preceptors for the project include San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Harris County Hospital District, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas Children's Hospital, The Methodist Hospital, Memorial Hermann Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and UTMB John Sealy Hospital. Additional hospitals will be recruited during the initial planning phase.

The WorkSource-Gulf Coast Workforce Board and The Greater Houston Partnership will serve as advisors for the collaboration. Nurse clinical training is scheduled to begin in fall 2005.