

# The WorkSource Helps Bellville Hospital Grow Its Nursing Staff

**B**ellville General Hospital has five employees who have earned nursing educations, passed their licensure exams and are currently working in their chosen fields thanks to some federal grants and assistance from The WorkSource.

Bellville was one of the first hospitals in 2001 that chose to take advantage of a special education initiative that started when the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston partnered with The WorkSource to expand its successful Work School program to other institutions. The Work School program enables current hospital employees working at an institution to go back to school and become nurses or pursue careers in other critical health care shortage areas. The Bellville District has participated annually in the program and currently has four more employees who are enrolled in nursing education.

Recently, Bellville District CEO Michael Morris thanked The WorkSource for providing the hospital with the opportunity to participate in the program. He stated that it has allowed the district to upgrade the quality of care for its patients and has added greatly, in general, to the professionalism of the hospital staff. He noted that Bellville Hospital “is a small facility, located in a rural area with limited access to post-secondary educational opportunities.” He added that “Bellville General’s need for professional health care staff often outstrips the supply of qualified people in the area, particularly registered and licensed vocational nurses.”



Picture caption: Bellville Hospital District thanks The WorkSource and its Gulf Coast Workforce Board for helping Bellville General Hospital add to its nursing staff. Pictured l to r: Katie Winslade, Director of Workforce Development, Office of Community Outreach, UTMB-Galveston; Austin County Judge Carolyn Bilski, member of Gulf Coast Workforce Board; Michael Morris, CEO, Bellville Hospital District; Karen Love, The WorkSource Health Care Industry Liaison; John Han, Office Manager, The WorkSource-Katy; and Sharon Glentzer, Chief Nursing Officer, Bellville General Hospital.

## Outplacement REPORT

Employers turn to The WorkSource when they are faced with restructuring their companies—before, during and after a decision has been made to reduce the labor force, merge with another company or close a plant, office, or store location.

The WorkSource provides customized outplacement services for affected employees, at no cost, and short-term, immediate assistance for individuals who are affected by company layoffs.

Companies and other organizations receiving services since the beginning of July 2004 include:

- The City of Houston
- Chevron Texaco
- Southwest Fuels
- Jacobs Farm
- Sara Lee
- AT&T
- Merrill Corporation
- Guidant
- Houston Housing Assistance Partnership (HHAP)
- Gardner Glass Products
- GMAC
- NCO Financial Systems, Inc.
- ACS Industries, Inc.
- Lamson & Sessions
- Garden Ridge Corporation
- Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.
- Oceaneering
- Schmidt
- F.L. Aerotech
- State Farm Insurance

## New on The WorkSource Web Site...

### “Where the Jobs Are” Houston-Galveston Region

Each month, the labor market analysts for The WorkSource post a report on its Web site showing the industries where jobs can be found in the 13-county Gulf Coast region. The report gives an overview of the job picture for the region with statistics based on the most current data. It breaks down that information into three metropolitan statistical areas — Brazoria, Galveston and Houston.



### October-November Report — Overview

September became the third consecutive month of over-the-year job growth of more than one percent adding 27,200 jobs since September 2003. The region’s over-the-year job picture was the best since the 3rd quarter of 2001.

- If you are looking for work, **Educational & Health Services** and **Government** jobs, up 9,000 and 10,500 jobs respectively from September 2003, are the two **major job producers** in the region.
- Finding a job in **Professional & Business Services** is getting **easier**, with its third consecutive monthly over-the-year job increase in September, up 4,200 jobs from September 2003.
- **Manufacturing** had the **most significant** loss over the year, down 2,600 jobs. **Information** industries were down 700 jobs.

The complete November–December report and future reports can be found at [www.theworksource.org](http://www.theworksource.org) under “Find a Job” and “Labor Market Information/Economic Profiles.”