

The WorkSource Assists Hurricane Victims: Sets-Up Temporary Offices, Expands Services and Holds Regional Job Fair

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The WorkSource Hosts Highly Successful Regional Job Fair

Below: Helping attendees with resumé preparation.



At the request of City of Houston Mayor Bill White and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, The WorkSource hosted Destination Occupation, a highly successful regional job fair on October 6 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. It was co-hosted by the Greater Houston Partnership.

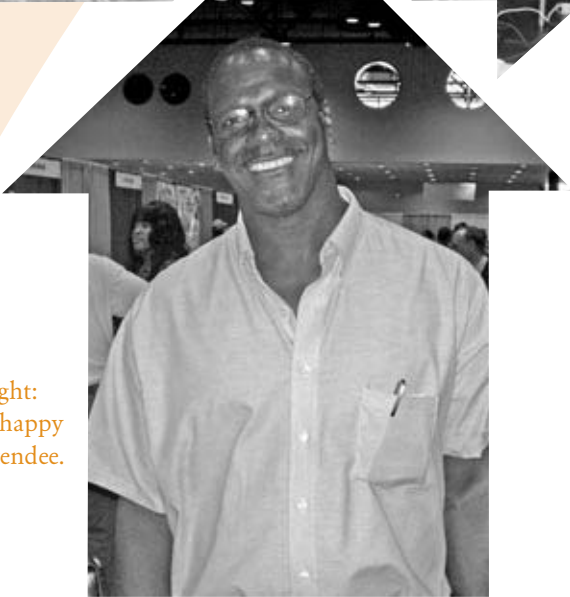
The event featured over 200 employers offering hundreds of job opportunities. More than 8,500 of the attendees registered for jobs and some walked away that day with job offers. Estimates are that almost 2,000 applicants went to work after participating in the fair. To participate, employers had to have a minimum of 10 current job openings. Some had more than 100.

The job fair was specifically geared to help Gulf Coast area residents, as well as guest evacuees from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Sponsors included HR Houston, the Houston Chronicle, the Houston Area Urban League, BP, WalMart Stores, Talent Tree and Walt Disney World Resort.

Below: Employers talk to attendees and provide job applications.



Right: A happy attendee.



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Throughout the day, The WorkSource conducted seminars on job search basics such as resumé writing, interviewing and what is proper job attire. In the afternoon, the U.S. Small Business Administration conducted seminars directed at current and prospective small business owners. Members of HR Houston, the Houston Area Urban League, Collaborative for Children and Neighborhood Centers, Inc. were on hand as volunteers and provided additional services for various job fair activities. The U.S. Department of Labor, Consulate of Mexico in Houston, and the Texas Workforce Commission also provided support.

Many of these volunteers greeted representatives from participating companies and assisted attendees with job applications, resumé construction and identification of employment opportunities. Others assisted with complimentary child care for job fair attendees with children. Attendees seeking employment were also treated to a free lunch.

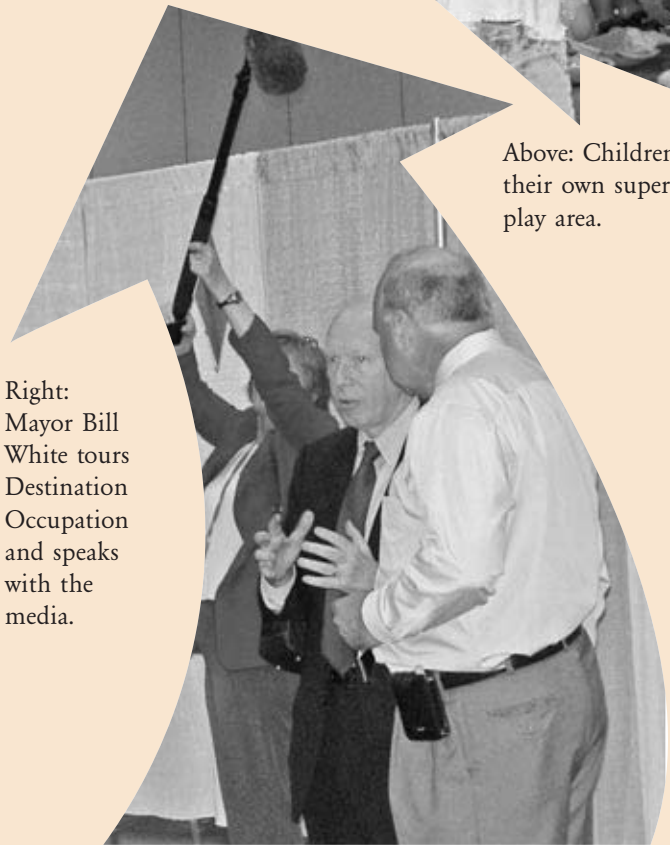


Above: Children had their own supervised play area.

Left: Taking registration forms.



Right: Mayor Bill White tours Destination Occupation and speaks with the media.



Right: Destination Occupation attracted a lot of media attention.

