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BUSINESS OUTLOOK

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St Luke's LifeWorks promotes internship program

Johnnie Malloy, Chief Learning Officer

It is the kind of community collaboration Rev. Schuster, retired executive Director of St. Luke's LifeWorks would be excited about. Beginning this fall, LifeWorks is offering area businesses an opportunity to engage pre-screened interns on a temporary basis in a win-win arrangement for both the business and the intern. As part of LifeWorks focus on learning and education, the agency will provide any interested business with intern candidates that have successfully completed Employment Readiness Training; including workplace behaviors, communication skills, and time management. Additionally, St. Luke's LifeWorks will cover half the intern's hourly salary or \$4.00 per hour up to a 20 hour week.

"We have a lot of highly-skilled participants in our programs who are hoping to gain steady employment," said Ms. Johnnie Malloy SLLW's Chief Learning Officer. "We are optimistic that offering area businesses an opportunity to hire qualified personnel on a temporary basis at half the cost will be a big advantage for both the business and the potential intern." Interns can be hired into currently open positions on a trial basis, to help with one-time project management or to fill in for employees out on leave. Possible positions might include receptionist, data entry, bookkeeping, filing, grounds or building maintenance, deliveries, food preparation—any number of things.

Gaining recent employment experience will be a big boost to applicants' resumes. LifeWorks will also provide transportation,

childcare, and on-going support for the intern in the workplace – coaching, counseling, and promoting positive workplace behavior. This will also allow businesses the opportunity to "try out" potential employees on a temporary basis at half the cost.

LifeWorks focus on learning and education involves offering over 100 classes and workshops a year that help participants in

LifeWorks' programs gain valuable preparation for employment and careers, as well as the acquisition of other important skills necessary for success. The organization serves more than 400 individuals and families a year whose lives have been affected by poverty and homelessness.

"This is the perfect opportunity for the business community to reach out and help people working extremely hard to overcome adversity and become successfully employed. Plus, we are willing to work closely with each employer to make sure they are completely satisfied with their intern placement." LifeWorks hopes to place at least eight interns with area businesses for a minimum of 10 weeks at each location. "Most of the people we are serving just need the opportunity to prove themselves and demonstrate to potential employers they can do the job."

If your business is interested in taking advantage of LifeWorks community internship program please contact Johnnie Malloy at 388-0151 or JMalloy@stlukeslifeworks.org for more information.



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