



## The Work World

Many of us started working for money at age 18, or earlier if babysitting or yard work was involved. We learned in our homes that work is valuable and necessary if we want to provide for ourselves and our families.

Others wonder if it is really worth it to seek and continue working when it is hard to find and keep a job, when the work is hard, when it doesn't pay much, and there are ways to find financial help through various agencies. They may learn how to survive, while experiencing some gaps in income, but it certainly isn't the abundant life that God promised.

However, there are some people who haven't been working, who decide to try to find a job. However, they encounter road blocks to getting an interview or landing a job. Being fired from previous employment, or receiving a poor reference from a former boss, serving time in prison, addiction or mental health issues, childcare needs, and some don't have appropriate clothes to go to a job interview or start work. Since Love INC is a ministry that tries to identify places in our community where we can help others, we opened a **Career Closet** at one of our Albany churches to provide clothes for people in these situations. All a person has to do is call Love INC (541-924-5683) to make an appointment to look for clothes they need. These clothes are only offered to people who have an interview scheduled or who will be starting a job soon.

We have a variety of clothing - office wear, dress shoes, shoes for caregivers, scrubs, black and khaki pants for fast food jobs, non-slip shoes required for some restaurant workers, jeans and shirts for laborers in construction, farm work, etc., work boots, socks, underwear, accessories like purses and costume jewelry. Often younger people need clothes, so it would be very helpful to have younger, style conscious volunteers to take inventory of our clothes.

One man wanted to make a career change from a fast food worker to work in a jewelry store. With the clothes we gave him, he was able to go to the interview, get the job, and is still working at a local jewelry store. We have helped others including a woman who became a CNA, a person who got a job at Walmart, a person who started work as a flagger, and a person who joined an office staff. One woman was homeless, living in a car with her abusive boyfriend. She was able to get the job, and when we saw her several months later, she was still working, living in her own apartment (without the abusive boyfriend), and was in the process of buying a car.

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## The Work World (continued)

These are great success stories, but we know that some people need more help than just appropriate clothes. That is why we want to offer our **Work Life** class in the future. "The *Work Life* curriculum is founded on the belief that God has designed all people in His image with unique gifts and abilities, and given them the task of adding value to His world through work." Through this class a person could learn how to secure a job, discover how to be a good worker, and best of all have an opportunity to encounter our Savior. We have two trained teachers to lead this class, but we will need allies who would walk alongside those who take the class through the ups and downs of securing employment and keeping the job. Allies are encouragers who would assist participants with finding a job, help them problem solve when difficulties arise, like when there is a conflict at work, a child care situation changes, there is a transportation issue, or they realize they need more education/training to get a better job, as well as encourage them in their spiritual journeys. Please pray for us for guidance about when and how to begin this class, for allies willing to take a few hours of training prior to the class so they are ready to help, and for participants with a desire to improve their situations and willing to persevere through several weeks of classes preparing them to get/keep a job.

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

- Ephesians 4:28 ESV

### Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray for more phone volunteers.
- Pray for strong volunteers to deliver furniture (trucks needed too)
- Ask God for wisdom in finding the best truck to use to deliver medical equipment.
- We could use more non-slip shoes and work boots in various sizes.