



“Giving is the antidote to emptiness”

-Danielle LaPorte

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Community Computer Lab

The Community Computer Lab at Uniquely Yours Stability Support (UYSS) has become a highly valuable asset for the community of Fremont and has helped many individuals and families in the journey to regain their housing stability.

Trying to get back into the workforce can be a challenge for anyone, but it can be especially intimidating for clients who have limited computer knowledge or lack experience in creating a resume.

Bryn Mauer (pictured below, left), who had been self-employed for more than 10 years, came into UYSS seeking assistance creating an updated resume.

Bryn was guided through the resume process and got all of his questions answered, plus the reassurance that he so desperately needed. He came in a couple of times to work on revising his resume, and thanks to that assistance, Bryn was able to get a full-time job.

When Bryn began his new job, he felt so thankful to the staff at UYSS for their dedication and compassion that is shown to everyone who walks through the doors. By obtaining employment, Bryn was not only able to help



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his family stay in their home, he was also able to regain his personal confidence. Bryn said that he felt at ease and relaxed at UYSS, and would come back again, if he ever needed any more help.

There are many opportunities for clients to further their education at UYSS, including a once a month Basic Computer Skills Workshop. Tom Wiesen, a UYSS volunteer, guides clients through basic computer use and navigation.

Clients can make an appointment to use the Community Computer lab to job search, create resumes, fill out job applications, or fill out service applications. UYSS staff are available to answer any questions and our intern, Shani Wiesen, can provide one-on-one assistance as needed.

There is a confidence that people often feel when they have control, and are able to put the pieces of their lives back together again. They feel whole. We at UYSS delight in providing the help and support to gently guide people in the right direction. There have been so many individuals and families who have come through

our doors and have been able to turn their lives around, bettering the future themselves and their community.

Appointment times are available for those seeking assistance with resumes or job applications.

Spotlight: Program Director Whenever they hear my story, people always ask me the same question: “How did you turn out so...normal?” The question makes me giggle, but I know exactly what they mean. I should have been a statistic. I grew up in poverty. My parents were drug addicts and career criminals. It would have surprised no one if I turned out exactly the same—another wretched story in a sad, pathetic world.

The answer to the question is complex, multifaceted. There are no hard and fast solutions to the tragedies of poverty and addiction. But one of the most important factors is this: I had help. I. Had. Help. Sometimes, a lot of help.

Yes, I worked hard. Yes, I made good choices. But no, I did not do it alone. I was the blessed recipient of tremendous amounts of physical, emotional, spiritual, and yes, financial help.

The notion, so common in society today, that people should pull themselves up by their bootstraps and fight to become independent, makes me cringe, and even cry. Interdependence, not independence, is the key to a society whose members are whole, complete, and able

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to contribute to a better world. Compassion, connection, and collaboration are crucial.

When I got the opportunity to work at Uniquely Yours Stability Support, I jumped at the chance, even though it would mean working for free for a time. It ended up being a long time. 10 months, in fact. 10 months filled with the joy of being able to give back.

I will never be able to repay the people who have helped me in my life, never be able to say “thank you” in a way that even begins to touch the depth of my gratitude. But I can devote my life to helping others, caring for all of humanity with my time, my money, my devotion, and every single cell of my being.

I am not so normal, or so noble. I am, like the rest of us, simply a grateful recipient of the abundance and grace of the divine. Lebanese poet and philosopher Kahlil Gibran puts it best when he says, in his inestimable work, *The Prophet*, “See first that you deserve to be a giver, and an instrument of giving. For in truth it is life that gives unto life—while you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.”

Uniquely Yours Stability Support is, without a doubt, exactly the place I am supposed to be. I have been homeless, and in danger of becoming homeless, so I really understand what our clients are feeling, and what kind of support they need in order to move forward.

To have a job that isn’t just a job, but is truly a calling, is a magnificent gift. And now, to be appointed the Program Director and to receive a paycheck in recognition of my work (see photo, above), is a joy, honor, privilege, and distinct pleasure. Thank you Uniquely Yours Stability Support.