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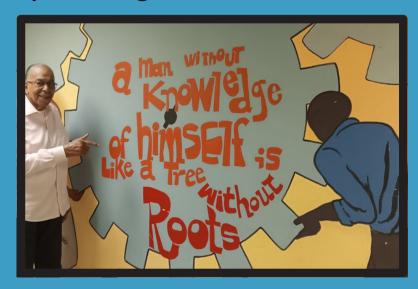
## VIEWS ON JACKSON ST

HELPING OTHERS HELP THEMSELVES

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ARIZONA O.I.C.

At some point in time we have felt like a failure. We slip up under pressure and fail to meet the expectations of those we love and respect. We behave poorly in our family expectations or back slide in our walk with Christ. There are multiple ways we fail in the world, but we are not a failure to GOD. He sees us from the inside and knows our true heart. He loves unconditionally and will always strengthen us for the road ahead.



DR. GENE BLUE, CEO ARIZONA OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIAL CENTER

# **AUGUST SPOTLIGHT**



## **ASMIR WRIGHT**

I HAD BEEN STRUGGLING FOR YEARS, JUMPING FROM ONE JOB TO THE NEXT, NEVER FINDING THE RIGHT FIT. THE CONSTANT CHANGES WERE TAKING A TOLL ON ME. I FELT COMPLETELY UNSURE AND FRUSTRATED ABOUT MY LIFE AND MY FUTURE. ON DAY, MY COUSIN TOLD ME ABOUT THE OIC A COMPANY THAT PROVIDED JOB TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE, SO I DECIDED TO GIVE IT A TRY. I SIGNED UP IN OIC'S WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM DUE TO MISSING THE SOLAR PROGRAM START DATE BY ONE WEEK.

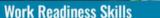
AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE OIC PROGRAM, OIC PLACED ME WITH DTPHX.ORG. I STARTED OUT PUSHING A BUCKET AROUND THE CITY AND PICKING UP TRASH AND SWEEPING CURBS FOR APPROXIMATELY A YEAR. AT THAT TIME DTPHX.ORG WAS WORKING ON EXTENDING THE COMPANY AND ADDING A NEW DEPARTMENT. I WAS BLESSED WITH ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE APART OF THE STREETSGATE TEAM ALSO KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AND GREEN TEAM RUN BY MARK HUTFLEZ.

ELEVEN YEARS LATER, I WORKED HARD AND HAVE BECOME A DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR. I STEADILY INCREASED MY INCOME AND OBTAINED BENEFITS THROUGH THE CITY PROVIDING STABILITY. IN RETROSPECT, OIC WAS A MAJOR PIVOT IN MY LIFE. BY BELIEVING IN ME AND CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MY LIFE AND MY FUTURE OIC CREATED THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR MY SUCCESS.

**ASMIR WRIGHT** 



**Vocational Counseling** 



Program Classes will be held at our "NEW" location, 701 South Central Avenue. Phoenix, Arizona 85004 Free and open to all students 18 years of age or older with proof of residence. All students must present proof of lawful presence in the United States. Examples include AZ Driver's License, Arizona Identification Card, U.S. Passport or Permanent Resident Card



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**Financial Literacy** 

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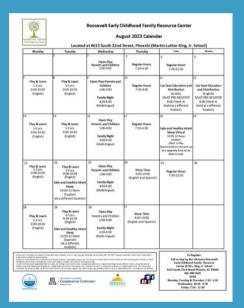
Pay Types Paid weekly

Job Type Full-time

Benefits







August 2023 WORKSHOPS	ONLINE
CREATE A WINNIN G RESUME Attend this presentation to learn how to write a specific, accomplishment-based resume, and gain insights on cover letters and references.	August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9am to 11am August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1pm to 3pm
INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR SUCCESS Learn how to effectively prepare, answer interview questions, and follow-up post-interview.	August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 9am to 11am August 8, 15, 22, 29 1pm to 3pm
UNDERSTANDING LINKEDIN Learn how to navigate LinkedIn more skillfully and discover what goes into building a high-quality, professional LinkedIn profile.	August 23 9am to 11am August 2, 16 1pm to 3pm
You can view workshops online at www.arizonaatwork.com Under the EVENTS tab!	All workshops are hosted on the Zoom or Microsoft Teams platforms. Follow below to access workshop links: https://sites.google.com/view/ arizonatworksoar/soar-public- workshops
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JOIN US FOR ORIENTATION AUGUST 12,2023 10-12 PM

Activities

F.- FACING OUR FEARS
A.- ADJUSTING OUR ATTITUDE
C.- CARING FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
T.- THE TRUTH HURTS, BUT IT CAN ALSO HE//
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WEDNESDAY 8.23.2023 10:30AM - 11:30AM HOMEWARD BOUND

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Come prepared with a current resume if you need support in creating one, lease contact Karen, prior to event.

**COMPUTER LAB F104** SEATS ARE LIMITED - RSVP TO KAREN -K.LYNCH@HOMEWARDBOUNDAZ.ORG



4. Top Ten Social Security Myths john.p.burns@ssa.gov Things You Can Do Online Intended for those already receiving benefits, this workshop highlights servio and information that can be obtained o through the Social Security website.

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#### Have Questions?

Visit Medicaid.gov/renewals today. You can also contact your state Medicaid office for help or to update your contact information.



#### Haven't filed your taxes in years? Join us for Non-Filer Day \*Eligible individuals can get their tax returns

prepared for free WHERE:

WHEN: Saturday, August 19, 2023 10 AM - 2 PM No Reservations Required

Our qualified volunteers will help you prepare your tax returns. The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) will answer your questions regarding your IRS account. Please bring all of your tax documents or a Wage and Income Transcript' which can be Wage and lincome Transcript which can be obtained from www.irs.gov/midwiduals/get-transcript. The TAS can also assist you on-site to get your Wage and lincome Transcript. "Eligible = Households making \$55,000 or less taxable income, persons with disabilities, and limited English

Downtown Center 165 N Centennial Way Room 110 Mesa, AZ 85201 speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. <u>What To Bring</u> Social Security Cards (or ITIN letters) Social Security Cards (or TIN letters) Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse Proof of income (W2s and all 1099 forms) Child care information (incl provider TaxID) Education statements (1095-/TIN) Health Care statements (1095-/TIN) Deductions (donations, mortgage interest, property and vehicle tax, medical expenses) Bank Routing/Accounts for direct deposit

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