



WHW is Recipient of \$15,000 Bank of America Economic Mobility Grant

Bank of America supports local job seekers through a workforce development grant of \$15,000 to WHW to empower underemployed job seekers to get better jobs.

IRVINE, California, July 26, 2019 – Nonprofit WHW, which provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job, is pleased to be the recipient of a \$15,000 workforce development grant from Bank of America. The purpose of this economic mobility grant is to help people chart a path to better economic futures and basic needs fundamental to building lifelong stability.

According to United Way of Orange County, 1 in 4 Orange County citizens live in poverty with more than 290,000 people in Orange County not sure where their next meal is coming from. In a county where minimum-wage workers must work 102 hours per week to afford a one-bedroom unit at fair market rent, the importance of a good job cannot be over emphasized. The funding from Bank of America will be used to help serve almost 10,000 men, women and teens annually through WHW's Employment Success Program, which provides the following services at no charge: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Support and Professional Appare.

"WHW is once again thrilled to partner with Bank of America!" shared WHW CEO, Janie Best. There is a perfect alignment between Bank of America's commitment to funding programs that power employment and WHW's mission of empowering people get and keep good jobs. Bank of America is a significant partner to WHW, not only financially, but with volunteers at every level of the organization. WHW is grateful for the support of Bank of America, as are the many job seekers we serve every day."

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About WHW: WHW is a 501(c)(3) that provides the unemployed and underemployed the skills and resources they need to get and keep a good job. Since 1993, WHW has served over 100,000 job seekers at no charge, many of whom were referred by over 275 partner agencies. Each year thousands of job seekers participate in Employment Readiness programs focused on making them the most marketable candidate for the job they seek. Programs include: Employment Readiness Workshops, Computer Training, Job Placement Assistance, Employment Retention Support and Professional Appare. For more information on WHW and how you can support their job seekers, please visit www.whw.org.

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