

Ready for some Lunch and Inspiration?

Do you love success stories? Do you get emotional at the end of a good movie? Then mark your calendar for Daily Work's 2nd Annual Steps to Success Fundraising Luncheon, Wednesday, April 30 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Dancer's Studio (DS) Event Center in St. Paul.

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Wednesday, April 30
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This year you'll meet Raymond and experience his difficult journey though both homelessness and unemployment to get back to work. You'll also find out how some of our most memorable job seekers are doing today, including Abera and Holly.

Last year, Holly WOWED everyone with her incredible rendition of "Climb Every Mountain," a song which described her challenges to finding a "second" career to sustain her until retirement. If you want to know more about Daily Work or you have been seeking a new opportunity to make a real difference with your time, talent, or treasure, don't miss us on April 30!



Meet Dereje...our Job Seeker of the Month

Dereje is a professional, dependable worker with extensive experience (10+ years) in custodial and maintenance duties for several different companies, but still, most of his jobs paid only a little more than minimum wage. Dereje came to Daily Work to find a better job, with better pay...that rewarded his excellent experience.

At Daily Work, Dereje demonstrated that he is dependable, punctual and extremely motivated. With a little coaching, a better resume, and some phone calls on his behalf, Dereje landed a custodial job at a local hospital in St. Paul.

Office Reboot!

If you have ever been to the Daily Work office or you are a regular reader of our blog posts, you may be aware that Daily Work's St. Paul office space does not provide adequate space or privacy for our staff and job seekers. Here's what Sarah, one of student interns, had to say after starting at Daily Work:

"One of the first things that struck me about Daily Work's St. Paul office space was that it was too small and that change needed to be made so that each job seeker felt welcomed, comfortable, and safe to share their personal circumstances."

Currently, we have four work cubicles, a waiting room, and storage for office supplies and equipment in one 20x20 room. For those who remember E.F. Hutton, our slogan right might read: "At Daily Work, when anyone talks, everyone can listen."



[See more pictures \(click\).](#)

Thanks to some generous partners like YOU, we're changing all that! To address our increasing needs, the property committee at Christ on Capitol Hill has generously been working with us to move into the old SEAM (Southeast Asian Ministry Space), which is more than double the size of our current space! The new space will provide six computer stations for current clients, six new cubicles, and a comfortable waiting area. We have received immeasurable help from two talented architects from **MSR Design**, Nick Wallin and Tom Haller, who have donated countless hours helping us create a space that meets our changing needs. We are so lucky and grateful to have their help.

More good news is that we have secured a contractor who is providing all materials at cost (no mark-up) and who is willing to let us use volunteer labor to reduce the cost of the project. The improvements should be done the first week in May, but as you might guess we are still working to raise the final \$5,000 dollars needed for the project.

Already this year, we have helped 14 people secure new work (that's one per week).

Your support is what makes this possible. Your support April 30 is also what will make it possible to provide job seekers with a new office space that is a welcoming, warm, and private place to share their hopes, challenges, and dreams for a better life.

Of course, the main key to his success was Dereje himself, his easy going personality and willingness to advocate on his own behalf, helped him achieve his goal of working in a hospital, where he now makes close to \$15/hour!

Congratulations Dereje! You made a big step forward on your path to success and you're our Job Seeker of the Month! To read about our other Job Seekers of the Month, [click here](#).

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