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Dear Daily Work Supporter,

It seems sadly appropriate that we have a grey and sad day today as we join the world in mourning yesterday's horrific events in Connecticut. We send our prayers and thoughts to those suffering from this tragedy.

In our despair, perhaps we can find some solace in remembering that our many more random and purposeful acts of kindness are ultimately more powerful than this abhorrent act. In that spirit, please meet Tiffany Xiong, one of Daily Work's social work interns and a junior at St. Kate's.

As the child of Hmong immigrants, Tiffany's passion to help others is a direct result of observing her family's experience as immigrants...and living her own experience as a Hmong American. Below is a brief look into her journey and why she believes passionately in Daily Work.



Tiffany (center) celebrating at the Hmong New Year Celebration November 23-25.

My dad is the reason I am so dedicated and committed to social justice. My dad did not go to college and does not speak English clearly. Because of that, some people see him as unintelligent or unsuccessful. But I know him to be one of the smartest, hard-working people I know.

For example, recently he decided to build a front porch for our family home. Instead of hiring someone else to do it, he decided to build the porch by himself.

Everyday, when I came home from school and work, I saw his progress. When my dad finished, I asked him, "How did you know how to build this?" And he replied, "You just do it."

I was amazed by how my Dad accomplished this. He had never built anything like this before, yet he tackled this project with confidence and determination. His example helps me know that I can achieve whatever I set mind too, no matter how I look or sound or how much education I complete.

My dream is that one day, no one is judged to be less than anyone else simply on the basis of how they look, whether or not they have an accent, if they went to college, or what they do for a living. Everyone should have the access and opportunity to find fulfilling work and support themselves and their families.

This is why I believe in organizations like Daily Work. Regardless of what experience, education, or ability to speak English our job seekers bring to us, we believe in their ability and potential to find living-wage work and live healthy and happy lives.

As an employment counselor at Daily Work, I am so amazed by how resilient people are. No matter what hardships they have to endure, they are still determined and committed to not only improve their lives, but also to better provide for their families. My experience with job seekers has strengthened my resolve to continue advocating for social and economic justice.

What we do at Daily Work is a team and collaborative effort. Empowering people and changing lives and communities cannot be done alone, so thank you to all our volunteers and community partners for your hard work and contributions!

Give the Gift of Work This Holiday Season Help us Maximize our Match...We Won't Make it Without You!

This year, more than 100 people have come to Daily Work to get a new resume, apply for jobs, or get access to other resources they need to survive. Our job seekers come every week, completely of their own volition, to get the one thing they need most: Work.



For them, a job means they will be able to pay their rent, stop going to the food shelf, and no longer have to try to explain to their families why they have so little in our land of plenty. It means they will be able to build new skills and build their resume, so the next job will pay more and won't be so hard to find.

Thanks to financial support from people like you, more than 30 percent of our job seekers find work... and hope for a bright future. But we can do better than that...

Join Tiffany (her story is above) and be our partner in making this a joyous holiday season for more people who need work. By helping us reach our goal of \$5,200, you will help five more people find work.

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