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## Daily Work, Thrivent Choice & You: The Power of Sharing

You can help deserving people find work and become self-sufficient by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Daily Work.

### What are Thrivent Choice Dollars?

This program gives eligible Thrivent Financial members money, ranging from \$25 to \$2,500, which they can designate to charitable organizations. Eligible members are 16 years of age or older and one of the following:

- 1) Hold a Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership position
- 2) Have \$800 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products
- 3) Have \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, check to see if you have eligible Thrivent Choice Dollars. If so, please consider [sharing](#) some with Daily Work.

### What Does Your Support Provide?

- 1) Outreach to volunteers who mentor and assist Daily Work's job seekers
- 2) Better computers for making resumes and submitting job applications
- 3) Copies of resumes and other supplies for job seekers

Daily Work is already an eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been approved and recommended by a Thrivent Chapter/chartered Thrivent Community leadership board, so the process of [designating your Thrivent choice Dollars to Daily Work is easy!](#)

Be sure to visit: [Thrivent Financial](#) website for more information about Thrivent Choice Dollars and their designation.



## Share Your Expertise: Another Way to Make a Difference

Are you someone who knows about healthcare plans or 401ks? Do you work with new hires in human resources? If so, think about [sharing](#) that knowledge with Daily Work job seekers and volunteers!

### Here's why:

Today I met with a job seeker, let's call her Kelly, from New Brighton, who just secured her third job with help from Daily Work. That may seem odd, but each job paid a little better or offered better opportunities than the previous job. Kelly is Daily Work's mission personified! We help people take steps to secure permanent, living wage employment. The new job pays almost \$16 per hour and comes with full benefits!

But the joy of beginning the first job with benefits also brings an overwhelming fear of making the wrong decision. Kelly landed a job with a large company, so she can choose among several health plans. And do you remember the first time someone explained 401K plan matching to you or disability insurance?

This is a good problem to have, but Kelly is worried she will make a mistake. For those of us who have been working in benefit granting jobs, we sometimes take these things for granted. But for people who have been under-employed, in part-time jobs, this is a whole new world, and it brings anxiety and a lot of pressure.

If you have experience in this area, please share your knowledge with people like Kelly and the staff and volunteers at Daily Work. A new job is stressful enough; you can make the transition easier. Call Julie Hoff (right) at [651-204-3043](tel:651-204-3043) to make a difference today!



## Four Reasons to Volunteer While Job Hunting

Unlike many job advice writers, I understand unemployment on a deeply personal level. In the past several years, I have had two periods of unemployment - nine months in 2011 and four months in 2013. If I had one piece of advice above all others when seeking jobs, it's to start volunteering.

In 2011, I volunteered for the Red Cross in Fargo, ND, and in March 2013, I began volunteering for Daily Work in St. Paul, MN. These experiences saved me.

Unemployment, no matter how one arrives at it, is a crippling state. For the first two weeks, the fear, disappointment, mourning and sadness were so overwhelming, I was frozen, unable to get out of bed or stop crying. After two weeks of this, I volunteered [to share](#) my extra time with others.

### Everything changed.

While volunteering helps others, during unemployment, volunteering also helps you through one of the darkest times in your life. There are many reasons to volunteer, but here are four reasons volunteering is particularly vital to consider while looking for your next job.

Read [Becky's blog](#) to learn more about volunteering and about [Becky Billings](#) (pictured here) on our website.

