



INSIGHTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



What a year for milestones and moments. In some ways, I know we're all glad to see 2020 come to an end. In other ways, opportunity and innovation were front and center as CareerSource Central Florida became the lifeline for thousands of Central Floridians literally overnight. As our region experienced uncertainty, you were there to guide the organization, helping us swiftly transform our business model to virtually support the unparalleled community need.

Board service is a substantial commitment and each one of you has given your most valuable resources – your time, expertise and unwavering support. Simply put, CareerSource Central Florida is making a difference for our residents and businesses because of you.

I hope we're all able to travel, connect and celebrate personal and professional milestones and moments in person again in 2021. In the meantime, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your service as a board member. I wish you and your family, a very happy holiday season.

- Pam

HELP IS HERE – YEAR END UPDATES

To date, we've helped more than 2,000 Orange County residents through the Help is Here initiative, and we're not slowing down! CareerSource Central Florida received an additional \$500K in CARES Act funds to provide a weekly \$125 stipend to those enrolled in

Valencia College's Accelerated Skills training programs held at the Orange County Convention Center. That's not all – we're also offering eligible Orange County residents guaranteed interviews with participating hiring companies.



Read CSCF's official press releases about the [weekly stipends](#) and [guaranteed interviews](#).

Find Out More

TRENDS

PROACTIVE MEDIA OUTREACH EFFORTS HAVE FAR REACHING IMPACT



Our proactive public relations efforts have resulted in increased media coverage over the past several weeks with many news outlets covering stories about local jobs, CSCF's services, and the Help is Here initiative. Recent media coverage includes [Orlando Business Journal](#), [Spectrum News 13](#), WFTV-TV (Channel 9), [WESH-TV \(Channel 2\)](#), [WKMG-TV \(Channel 6\)](#), Telemundo Orlando and more.

View Recent Media Coverage

Spotlights

HELP IS HERE SUCCESS STORY: JOSEPH DEGON

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Joseph Degon worked in the theme park and film industry as a stunt performer and puppeteer. When the theme parks shut down in early March, Joseph's contracts weren't renewed so he knew then he needed to take a different route for his career. He learned about the Help is Here program through CSCF and connected with

us to explore his options.



[Learn More About Joseph](#)

SHOUT OUTS FOR THE SHOUT OUTS!



A big shout out to Mark Wylie, Eric Ushkowitz, Jane Trnka and other board members who regularly tweet, retweet, post, share, like, comment and otherwise help promote CSCF's services on social media. It's helping to raise awareness and increase our reach to both career seekers and businesses. If you don't already, please follow CSCF on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Thank you!

BOARD ENGAGEMENT SURVEY REMINDER

Your feedback is important to us. Please take the 1st Quarter CSCF Board Engagement Survey. Thanks to those who have already submitted theirs.



[Take the Survey](#)

Upcoming Board and Committee Meetings

All Committee and Consortium Meetings will be held virtually.

- Executive Committee - Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 | 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Board & Consortium Committee - Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- Community Engagement Committee - Tuesday, Jan 12, 2021 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Governance Committee - Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Career Services Committee - Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

2020-2021 PY Board& Committee Meeting Schedule

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