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## Welcome to our First Newsletter (again)

*By Roger Netsch, Executive Director*

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WeLIFT has been in existence now for nearly seven years. In that time, attempts have been made to publish newsletters as a way to keep our supporters and clients informed of what is happening at WeLIFT. Unfortunately, those attempts have fallen by the wayside as demands placed upon staff time have thwarted their efforts.

It is my hope that with help from you, we can resurrect this effort in hopes of keeping you, our supporters and clients, informed of all the happenings that seem to constantly take place at WeLIFT. You say, "Wait a minute! This is your newsletter. Now you're asking us to help you write it!?"

That's not really the case. We need you to tell us of things you see relevant to our mission and vision statement that can move us forward towards the goal of helping the under and unemployed to better their lives. News articles, face to face contacts, web news, and any number

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## IWD's Excellent Job Opening Resource

*By Roger Netsch, Executive Director*

Iowa Workforce Development's Iowa Jobs site.

A great resource for job seekers is Iowa Workforce Development. Their website (<http://www.iowajobs.org/>) has thousands of jobs posted each business day. IowaJobs gives you 24-hour access to all of the job listings in IWD's statewide system. It also provides links to job listings in other states through Job Central, and additional local, state and federal jobs. The Labor Market Information page provides important statistical information for job seekers.

Check it out at: <http://www.iowajobs.org/>

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## WeLIFT Success Story

By Jana Tanner

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*“The staff at WeLIFT helped me regain the confidence I needed to find my new job.”*

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Charisse came to WeLIFT this past June (2013) after losing her job due to foot surgery. She was unable to continue her previous job and, after looking for jobs for two years, came to WeLIFT feeling very insecure about herself and her abilities.

“The staff at WeLIFT helped me update my resume, enrolled me in some computer and interview skills classes, and helped me regain the confidence I needed to find my new job.”

Charisse got a job at a local school district as a paraprofessional working with a special needs student. She recently finished up the school year and received an excellent end-of-year evaluation. She received “outstanding” or “above average” in all categories.

Charisse regained confidence in herself and is now on the road to a successful career.



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of other source s of information that educates our supporters and increases the knowledge base of all is acceptable information. So—please let me know if you have something that may be “newsletter worthy”. My contact information is at the top of the first page.

Send me information which supports our mission and vision statements listed here:

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

- *Empowering unemployed and underemployed individuals to achieve economic self-sufficiency*

**VISION STATEMENT**

- *A community workplace and career pathway resource to empower employment success*

# What's New at WeLIFT

By Roger Netsch

Most organizations go through periodic change and, after looking at this list, I'm sure you'll agree that WeLIFT has gone through more than its share of changes in the past few years. Here's a list of what I can say are the key changes that have occurred at WeLIFT since I started in June, 2013:

- **WeLIFT staff and starting dates:**
  - Donna Furnal - September 2012
  - Jana Tanner - October 2012
  - Roger Netsch - June 2013
  - Esther Snyder - July 2013
- **Technology**
  - We all struggle to keep up with technology. WeLIFT is not immune to these changes. We attempt to continually upgrade our hard/soft-ware to meet the needs of our clients and keep up with our changing world.
  - WeLIFT purchased 4 new computers this winter with the help of a grant from the Warren County Philanthropic Partnership.
- **Classes**
  - WeLIFT is continuously changing our curriculum to meet the needs of our clients. Current offerings include Job Search & career counseling, NCRC testing, How to Win the Job Interview Game, Computer Basics, Microsoft Word Basics, Job Search on the Computer Basics, Excel, & Small Business Mentoring.
  - Upcoming classes in the works are: Know Your Work Place Values & Assets, Job Search Process, Preparing for the Interview
- **NEW HOURS:** Effective March of this year WeLIFT changed its hours to include the following:
  - **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- 9 am to 3 pm**
  - **Thursday evening - 6 to 8 pm**



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