More Than A Job

JOBS for LIFE™ 2017 ANNUAL REPORT
A Gospel-centered approach to unemployment

MISSION:
To engage and equip the Church to prepare individuals for meaningful work.

VISION:
All people are flourishing in their work and relationships.

Photo: The 2017 JfL Fall Class at Remnant House Outreach Ministry (Monks Corner, SC)
Cover Photo: The 2017 JfL Spring Graduating Class at The NC Correctional Institution for Women (Raleigh, NC)
The 2017 Impact

In 2017, hundreds of Jobs for Life (JfL) classes took place around the country. Over two thousand men and women from church congregations, non-profit ministries, and businesses came together in their communities with the goal of helping people find and keep meaningful work.

These classes were about more than just helping people find employment—they also helped reconcile broken relationships, connected people to loving and supporting communities, and helped men and women discover their unique talents and gifts while experiencing the transformative power of the Gospel.

As we look back on all that happened in 2017, it’s clear that the mission and vision of JfL continues to thrive because of the strong partnerships that exist between local churches, ministries, businesses, community leaders and volunteers, and the willingness of thousands of individuals to step out and walk with their neighbors through this mutually transformative journey.

We give thanks for your support, encouragement, and leadership—we could not do this work without you!

>> See more stats, stories, and photos from 2017 at 2017.jobsforlife.org

In Jobs for Life, you’re going to find more than a job—you’re going to find a new confidence and a new beginning. This has been one of the greatest stepping stones I’ve ever had.

- Cclanus, 2017 JfL Graduate (Raleigh, NC)
Jobs for Life taught me more than just how to find a job—it changed my whole outlook on life. My Champions (mentors) helped me focus on my career and goals. They helped me see that I can do anything I put my mind to.

- Tyreese, 2017 JfL Graduate (Dover, DE)

I don’t see Jobs for Life as a program, I see it as a tool to transform and heal a broken life.

Margaret, JfL Site Leader, Heart for Winter Haven (Winter Haven, FL)

Photo: The 2017 JfL Fall Class at OC United (Fullerton, CA)
of JfL sites felt well-equipped and supported to run their class

87%

of JfL students reported having high employment barriers when entering their class

67%

of JfL sites had employment rates of 50% and above

52%

The stats above are based on survey responses from leaders representing 92 JfL sites in 2017.
200
churches and organizations were supported and coached

457
leaders were trained through live events and webinars (from 34 different states)

50
new JfL sites were launched

"The way we had been serving individuals was more transactional than transformational. The Jobs for Life training has really “flipped the list” on my approach and posture, and has changed the way I see broken people."

- Alexandra, Jobs for Life Leader (Newport News, VA)
Strengthening the training strategy

In 2017 we dedicated even more time and energy to our training strategy and to JfL CORE, a live training event designed to equip ministry leaders with the necessary steps to plan, start and sustain a Jobs for Life class and help prepare people for meaningful work in their community. We hosted 11 JfL CORE trainings and equipped over 450 JfL leaders from 34 different states, which resulted in 50 new JfL sites being launched.

We understand the importance of not only helping people find and keep employment, but also helping them to grow and develop as leaders for the future. JfL CORE events, along with the re-designed “Train the Trainer” (T3) and “Connections” Leadership Development Webinars, are specifically designed to empower JfL leaders with the tools, resources and skills needed to prepare people for work, and to enhance their leadership development.

The feedback we received from these events in 2017 is helping us strengthen these training platforms and establish a sustainable strategy to equip even more leaders for years to come.
I had not finished anything in a very long time, so I’m proud I participated in and completed the Jobs for Life class. My Champion (mentor) helped me overcome my employment roadblocks, helped me with a new résumé and continues to encourage me. Now I’m employed and love my job!

- Amy, 2017 JfL Graduate, The Journey House (Richmond, VA)
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES: $1,142,519

Contributions: $1,027,258

Sales of Training Materials: $66,977

Interest and Other: $48,284

TOTAL EXPENSES: $1,214,891

Total Program Services: $891,173

Total Supporting Services: $323,718

TOTAL ASSETS: $289,218

To view the 2017 JfL Audited Financial Statements, please visit: www.jobsforlife.org/financial-accountability
The partnership my company has with Jobs for Life has given us an opportunity to give back to the community. It has helped us combat joblessness while also living out our core values and unifying our employees.

- Eric, JfL Champion and Business Partner (Tampa, FL)

Jobs for Life is all about life change. Yes, it includes helping you find a job (70% of our graduates have found full-time employment!), but it also includes helping you overcome the obstacles in your life. We have teachers, mentors, and business owners involved in our classes who want to help people through this journey.

- Ashley, JfL Site Leader, Jesus Was Homeless (Branson, MO)
Help make real, lasting change in your community!

We depend on supporters like you to help us continue the mission of preparing individuals for meaningful work. From leading and volunteering in a JfL class to investing resources and hiring JfL graduates, each level of involvement is crucial in our mission to help more men and women find and keep employment.

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This Annual Report is dedicated to David Spickard (JfL CEO 2006-2017) in recognition of the profound impact of his faithfulness, vision, and leadership at Jobs for Life.