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Employment workshops, job fair target mature workers

In recognition of the U.S. Department of Labor's "National Employ Older Workers Week," Sept. 23-29, WorkSource Snohomish County is hosting three workshops and an employment and resource fair targeted at mature workers.

A Mature Worker Employment and Resource Fair will take place from 9:30 to 1:30 Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the Floral Hall at Forest Park, 802 East Mukilteo Blvd., Everett.

The fair is free and open to all job candidates, but is targeted to mature workers. Refreshments will be provided.

Businesses registered to participate in the Fair include ResCare and The Home Depot, among

many more, all looking for mature workers to fill positions that require dedication and discipline, and in return offer great benefits.

In preparation for the Employment Fair, WorkSource Everett will host workshops from 1-4 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays in September, dedicated to helping mature workers prepare for the fair and their future employment.

Workshop sessions include, on Sept. 3, Skills and Abilities; on Sept. 10, how to create a modern resume; and on Sept. 17, how to "work" a job fair.

Resume workshop attendees should bring prior work history information along with contact information for references. Workshops will be held at

WorkSource Everett, 840 North Broadway; workshops are free to attend.

According to the Department of Labor, "by 2014, 41.2 percent of Americans age 55 or older will be participating in the labor force, making up over 21 percent of the workforce, and 18 million more Americans age 55 or older will be in the labor force than there were in 1998."

For more information, contact Sam Virgil at svirgil@esd.wa.gov

WorkSource Snohomish County provides a wide range of employment and training-related services to local businesses and job candidates. To learn more, visit www.worksourceonline.com.

American Red Cross accepting tracing requests for Georgia

The Snohomish County Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting tracing requests for

families separated by the recent conflict in the country of Georgia, according to Bev Walker, the chapter's director of International Services.

In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and more than 180 national so-

cieties, the American Red Cross works to locate loved ones who are missing due to war, natural disaster, or civil unrest.

The American Red Cross has contributed \$100,000 from designated donations to the Red Cross humanitarian response in Georgia which, under the leadership of the ICRC, began immediately after the conflict started. As of

August 19, the ICRC has delivered 445 tons of assistance including food, blankets, medicine and water treatment equipment to Tbilisi by air and road.

It is prepared to provide additional material based on its assessment of ongoing needs.

In addition to providing medical and emergency relief, the ICRC is assessing

the tracing needs of people who have lost contact with their loved ones in Georgia. ICRC staff has met with a number of civilians who are anxiously trying to locate their relatives and will work to restore links between family members separated from each other.

The American Red Cross will work with the ICRC on the ground in Georgia to help

reconnect loved ones.

Those searching for U.S. citizens who are in Georgia should work through the State Department's Office of Overseas Citizens at 1-888-407-4747.

To make a tracing request locally, please call the Snohomish County Chapter at (425) 304-4476 or (425) 740-2320 for more information. All tracing services are free.

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