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Factoid: **680** graduates since 2001

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Solano Stroll
September 13, 2009

The Bread Project will be there! Check out the delicious pastries and cakes made by our trainees, and support our job training program.

Classes Fall 2009

October 19, 2009
Oakland School for Exceptional Children

November 9, 2009
Berkeley Adult School

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Dear Friend,

We are excited to report our successes, provide updates and share stories with The Bread Project community. Read on and let us know what you think.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with others.

Featured Board Member



Brett Baucom, Board Treasurer

Why I joined The Bread Project

Although I had financially supported various non-profit organizations for several years, I knew that I could offer more. The Bread Project's mission of promoting self-sufficiency really resonated with me. When I found out about The Bread Project's success in helping people in need, I knew I wanted to be a part of it.

What do you like most about the mission?

I love the birth story of The Bread Project. The Bread Project's beginning was the intersection of need and practicality. Recognizing the importance of job training to promote self-sufficiency, the program's founders centered the training on marketable culinary and baking skills in an accessible and growing trade. They were able to match need with opportunity.

This approach fits with my personality. Things don't have to be perfect to be successful, but it does take action to create opportunity. With over 50 graduating classes with very high graduation and placement rates, I am proud to be a part of The Bread Project's continued success.

Success Stories

Family and confidence

Alex graduated from high school in 2008 unsure of how to take the next steps in her life. With no formal work experience and a difficult family life situation, she felt it was impossible for her to find a job. She was estranged from her father, and her mother was in drug rehab after losing her house to foreclosure.

When she enrolled in The Bread Project, Alex was on General Assistance living on her cousin's couch. As she progressed in the program, Alex, armed with the skills and resources to market herself to employers, renewed her confidence in herself. Shortly before completing the program, Alex interviewed at the Berkeley Bowl West grocery store and obtained a job as a full-time cashier, a highly coveted and benefited position.

Alex is thriving in her job, and management at Berkeley Bowl West have expressed their thanks for referring her to them. Her mother is expected to leave rehab soon and plans to rejoin the family. Alex is excited about the opportunity to cook for her mother again.

From trainee to entrepreneur

As a consequence of one mistake in her life, Nina's subsequent criminal record prevented her from obtaining a job. Although Nina had previously worked in various industries, cooking was always her passion. Nina was referred to The Bread Project by the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

While balancing her role as the primary caregiver of her two children, she overcame great hardships to complete her training. After graduating from the program, she earned her ServSafe certification. She also enrolled into Women's Initiative for Self Employment (WISE), a local organization that provides resources, training and on-going support to help low-income women start and grow their business.

Currently, Nina is a salaried employee at the NUMMI auto plant. She also runs a catering business with on-going contracts for ABC KGO-7 TV station and WISE. With plans to grow her business, she looks forward to hiring The Bread Project graduates.

Graduating Classes



Class 48



Class 49



Class 50

Don't miss out on our upcoming graduations this Fall 2009.

- **October 30, 2009** at the Berkeley Adult School
- **December 18, 2009** at the Oakland School for Exceptional Children

We are thankful for all of your support. The Bread Project's success is a result of many hours of volunteer work, generous donations, and community involvement.

Together, we can help Bay Area residents work toward self-sufficiency by providing the training and job supports they need to succeed.

Warm regards,

Dagmar Schroeder-Huse, Executive Director

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