



Spring 2014 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Community Warehouse (CW) and Milwaukee Working (MW) both seek to create jobs for City of Milwaukee residents. Our primary employment target is an individual who finds it very difficult to get a job because of early life decisions, which often resulted in a prison record. Simply put, our organizational mission is:

- We provide a work environment in which individuals with a troubled past are accepted and nurtured.
- We provide long-term employment for some employees who can move up in our organization to more responsible jobs.
- We provide opportunity to develop a work ethic and job skills to move on to higher paying jobs in the community.
- We encourage each employee to grow spiritually and to assume responsibility for their family.

I have been CEO of Community Warehouse for the past 10 months. Frequently I am asked to describe how the organization is doing. My answer is, "Working with our employees is the easy part. Working with our aging facilities, finances and related issues are the challenging parts of the job." So how can it be that working with over 20 African American men with prison background is the easy part of our job? We ask the men to write a couple of sentences that describe their feelings about Milwaukee Working.



Eric:

"This entire organization has been very influential in my life. Upon being released from jail I landed in the ideal situation. Didn't have much work history, but I have learned a lot of skills since working here. The people in this organization are very sincere and helpful. Being here has also helped me in my journey to seek God in my life".

Michael:

"MW has been great to me! Friendly people that show love and are always willing to help. MW has provided me with countless opportunities in skill training and I am extremely grateful for all that they have done for the surrounding community."



Peter:

"MW does a lot for the community and I truly appreciate everything that they have done for me. If it wasn't for MW I would not be employed right now. The Bible studies are great and so are the people that I work with and around."

Maurice:

"MW is a place of love and understanding and a fun place to work."



David:

"The work environment - the people I work with, the skills I have gained while working here, how everybody helps each other, how Bob Wulf give me a chance to work - I love this job and the people around me."

Kerry:

"MW is like a second family. They help me out with situations and I really appreciate the people here at MW. They are great people and I look forward to building a long relationship here at MW. I also want to thank you for giving me a change of direction. God bless you all."



Robert:

"MW is more than just a job. Everyone here feels like a family member. MW has done something to help the community by offering employment to young men and women – giving them a second chance at life and a good history of work."

So, why are these men so positive?

- These men want to learn how to work and get back into the workforce.
- They want to help their children and make up for past mistakes.
- They understand the value of spiritual growth. Everyone voluntarily attends the weekly Bible study. (An average of 30 attend each week.)
- The men are accepted for who they are, individuals who have made mistakes (haven't we all) and who are sincere about trying again.

If reading the comments of these men has encouraged you to support what we are doing, go to www.milwaukeeworking.org and click the [Donate Now](#) button. We always have lots of needs – a replacement truck, money for salaries, operating costs. Another option is to call and ask about volunteer opportunities 414-383-7792.

Sincerely in His name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neal Meitler".

Neal Meitler
Chief Executive Officer