

\$100K SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND GRANT SCALES UP WORK TRAIN EFFORTS

Work Train, a CenterState CEO-led initiative, has received a \$100,000 Social Innovation Fund (SIF) grant from its national partner, the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. This new grant award will allow Work Train to continue to scale up its efforts, serving the greater Syracuse community by advancing workforce innovations in health care and manufacturing.

The Corporation for National Community Service selected the National Fund for Workforce Solutions for a SIF grant in 2010. The National Fund has since provided sub awards to many of its regional partners throughout the country.

Work Train became one of 34 regional collaboratives within the National Fund for Workforce Solutions in 2014. The SIF is a federal program, administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, committed to developing new solutions for old problems that are faster, cost-effective, data-driven and lead to better results for the public good.

To learn more about how Work Train can help your business find qualified candidates, contact Pascale Mevs at pmevs@centerstateceo.com.



Work Train, in partnership with Loretto, graduates its first class of certified nursing assistants.

40 BELOW'S COME HOME TO SYRACUSE EVENT & NYE PARTY ENGAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

40 Below, Syracuse's premier young professionals organization, hosted two successful events in late 2014 to promote the organization's mission to connect, engage and empower local professionals.

The Career Connect Task Force hosted Come Home to Syracuse in December where 15 local employers connected with potential job candidates who were home for the holidays. More than 70 people attended the meet-and-greet event at Benjamin's on Franklin in Armory Square. Following the event, attendees' resumes were sent to the participating companies. The task force plans to host the event again in 2015 to showcase the professional opportunities available in the region.

40 Below also hosted its annual New Year's Eve Party and fundraiser at the Landmark Theatre with more than 350 attendees. Money raised allows the organization to focus on its core areas: civic engagement, transportation options, public arts and career advising.

Looking ahead in 2015, 40 Below plans to launch a new website, offer new service initiatives, new public art installations, more career advancement workshops and continued transit advocacy.

40 Below is a CenterState CEO affiliate. To learn more or get involved, visit www.40belowsyracuse.com.



Come Home to Syracuse Participating Companies

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| AXA Equitable | O'Brien & Gere |
| C R Fletcher Associates, Inc. | OneGroup |
| CADimensions, Inc. | Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse |
| ChoicePay, Inc. | Revolutions at Destiny USA |
| Crouse Hospital | SRC, Inc. |
| Food Bank of CNY | Tactair Fluid Controls |