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Two Nonprofits Merge to Better Assist Job Seekers

ATLANTA, GA and SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Two national grassroots nonprofits are joining together to better serve the millions of jobseekers looking for work.

Hiring for Hope, dedicated to helping individuals and families overcome obstacles associated with managing their careers and building their families, has merged with JobAngels, an online employment networking community of 40,000+ members committed to helping people find jobs. The organizations share a common value system, philosophy and mission to provide job seekers with free career management support from altruistically motivated volunteers and staff.

"JobAngels' powerful employment networking concept, coupled with the vitality of its online community, wonderfully complements our suite of career management services, nationally-recognized 501(c)3 public charity status and our existing networking community," said Tegan Acree, Hiring for Hope's President and founder.

JobAngels CEO and founder Mark Stelzner said he is proud of the selfless volunteers who have already helped more than 1,600 people find work, yet much more work remains.

"The need for free career management services is significant right now," he said. "Competition for jobs is fierce, and there are a record number of discouraged, unemployed, and underemployed workers who require immediate and sustainable support.

"When Tegan and I explored the benefits of joining our two organizations, it was obvious that combining our efforts would enable us to quickly expand both our outreach and scope of services."

The transition of the two organizations will take place over the next several weeks, with both groups' online services and social media pages being integrated to form a comprehensive suite of free offerings for job seekers.

Starting February 1, Stelzner became a member of Hiring for Hope's Board of Directors, and former JobAngels Volunteer Leaders Deirdre Honner and Mark Cummuta became members of the Hiring for Hope Advisory Board. Going forward, JobAngels will be an official Hiring for Hope career management program, with an ability to expand its effectiveness by operating across both mainstream social media vehicles and Hiring for Hope's Voices of Hope online networking and support community.

Voices of Hope, originally inspired by Acree's experience with JobAngels, is home to Hiring for Hope's more than 100 different networking groups and a robust selection of easy-to-use technologies that link with many of the popular social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. These resources make it easier and faster for someone to expand their network, collaborate, find inspiration and moral support, and share HOPE and job leads with other members. Voices of Hope is just one in a series of free career management services available.

In addition to its online networking and support community, Hiring for Hope's other free career management services include:

- **National career placement assistance**
- **An e-learning center with 100+ different career transition and leadership topics**
- **A Hiring Incentive Program**
- **A one-on-one career coaching program slated to begin soon**

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About Hiring for Hope:

Headquartered in Dunwoody, GA, Hiring for Hope strives to reshape the way people and organizations think, talk and interact with each other about family building and career management issues. With the help of about 100 volunteers, the 501(c)3 Life Management Community (LMC) focuses on empowering individuals with the ability to build and sustain economically-viable and sustainable lives and families. Hiring for Hope was founded in 2009 and opened its doors September 2010. For more information, visit our website at www.hiringforhope.org and/or view our Overview Video by clicking the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/4rrk5u7>