

There are jobs for anyone 'seriously looking,' says COSTI fan

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"I got a call, very like any other Friday," Randy Hauth said of the afternoon last month when he was let go.

The loosened hands clasped in front of him, the Stouffville man recalled in a videotaped testimonial how executives at the firm where he worked called him in to a meeting and told him he was no longer needed, "as of June 6."

A project and engineering manager, Hauth, 39, had hoped to make a career with the company, which makes machinery for the steel industry.

Instead, he found himself filling out a form to collect employment insurance for the first time.

But seminars offered by COSTI -- a non-profit company operating in Markham with the federal government's Human Resources Development Canada -- have been "invaluable" in his job search, Hauth said.

"There is something out there for everybody who is seriously looking," he said in the tape, projected onto a wall last week during opening ceremonies for the Hwy. 7 employment office.

Staff say the office across from Markville Shopping Centre near McCowan Road has served 1,300 people since it opened in May.

Clients don't pay to use its computers, photocopier, internet access or fax machine in their job search.

"I thought I knew a lot of things," said a man named Dave, who also took COSTI seminars. "I found that my resume was completely out of date."

A woman who used the centre for five weeks has found work as a receptionist.

"Today I got a job," her video statement said.

Hauth, who was also at the opening party, said he's gotten many positive responses so far, including one possible job offer.

Blood donors sought

The Canadian Red Cross will hold a blood donor clinic in Stouffville Fri., July 11 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall on 9th Line Road.

All blood types and blood products are especially needed during the summer months.

For information on other upcoming clinics, call (416) 974-9900.

Employers often seem to favor applicants who show confidence, flexibility, and a willing-

ness to help their company grow, he said.

The employment centre is

open seven days a week and evenings until 9 p.m., because area residents wanted longer

hours, said Donna Blea, a local director for HDRC. For information, call COSTI at 947-0172.



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