

Volunteer Spotlight: May 2016

State Street Foundation – Adult Education Tutoring



The State Street Foundation is creating economic opportunity. The people at the State Street Foundation believe a strong workforce and economic opportunity go hand-in-hand. That is why, since 2010, the State Street Foundation has been making grants to nonprofits and governmental organizations in 26 countries. The State Street foundation provides funding for education, job readiness, college success, credentials, work experience and employment. In July 2015 Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) received a \$7,500 grant for SFBFS' Adult Education program.



One aspect of SFBFS' Adult Education program is career development. Through career development, students are enrolled in workshops and classes focused on computer skills, trained in resume building, writing successful cover letters and interview techniques and connected with employers through career development and resources fairs and one-on-one referrals. A recent career and resource fair hosted at SFBFS attracted 22 employers and 150 job seekers. As a result of those efforts, 28 students found work across a broad sector of the economy. By helping individuals find meaningful work, not only is

their need for government assistance minimized, the Sacramento economy is improved by providing employers with skilled individuals. One individual benefitting from SFBFS' career development services is Marcia. After working with SFBFS staff and volunteers, Marcia got the job she was seeking. "Please know that the work you and your staff do really makes a difference. Thank you doesn't even begin to express how grateful I am," Marcia said.

Helping our neighbors in need would not be possible without support from the community. SFBFS is grateful and fortunate to receive the support of so many community-minded organizations like the State Street Foundation. The State Street Foundation's generosity is an example of how together, we can support families on their journey to self-sufficiency.