

25 August 2014

Governor Jay Nixon  
State of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Mo

Dear Governor Nixon,

Normally, most of the correspondence you receive about state employees and contractors are complaints. This is not one of those letters.

The service and treatment that I have received at the Missouri Career Center in Linn Creek, Mo. has been outstanding and has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The two state employees that are assigned to the career center, Lisa Mizer and Lisa Homan, helped me with my resume, cover letters, and emailing to prospective employers. But when I broke my ankle In April, after being bed ridden for over a month, I returned to my job search ( even though I was using a walker) , both Lisa M and Lisa H made sure I had what I needed plus found me a piece of furniture To prop up my ankle.

Jennifer Whitworth of Gamm was able to place me in an internship with a company in Osage Beach,Mo. The three of us that started the internship all felt we were on the road to being prosperpous again, however it did not turn out that way. Due to expenses that we did not know would occur it left us in a financial tail spin. This had not been disclosed to anybody at the Workforce development or us. All three of us eventually left this company to pursue other ventures.

Due to the amount of expenses incurred which amounted to over 50% of my check, I was put into a financial bind. Ameren was shutting off the electric, the city of Lake Ozark was turning off the water and Sewer and the Landlord sent us a notice to vacate the premises .My wife and I were 30 days away from being homeless again.

My wife I met with Sherry from Gamm, explained our situation and with the aid of Jennifer and Alex were able to find us some relief for the water and electric. Plus, Jennifer put an extra hard effort into finding me a new job. After one and half weeks of searching I finally had some interviews coming up the next week.

On Thursday August 7, 2014 I had spent the day at the career center sending out resumes. I had two Interviews on Friday, but I hardly any gas in my car and no money to purchase gas.

On the way home from the career center I ran out of gas. Since my wife did not have a phone or car, ( we sold her car in order to have a place to live, We were living in a motel), I called Carla at the

Career center and told her of my dilemma. She asked where I was and I told her. Carla said I will bring you some gas.

To my surprise Carla after bringing me a can of gas said we need to go to the nearest gas station everybody chipped in money to buy you some gas so you can get to your interview. They put forty dollars in my gas tank.

Thanks to their help I was able to get to the interviews and on Friday August 15 2014 I got a job offer which I accepted and report for training on August 19, 2014.

This would not have been possible without their help!

I must commend and thank Lisa Mizer, Lisa Homan, Jennifer Whitworth, Alex Stanley, Carla Salzman and Sherry Prebee, plus the others in the career center. But I feel those persons mentioned deserve a commendation and acknowledgement of their service and generosity to citizens of the Great State of Missouri that were in need.

Plus, I have seen them personally do things for people above and beyond the call of duty.

Compassion is a good thing for a government office to have.

Respectfully Yours,



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