



## ***Empowering Professionals in Career Transition for 65 Years ...***

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**Dear Friend of 40Plus,**

You may recognize this scenario from your own life (or that of someone close to you): Many years working successfully at a company, well-paid, giving more than 100%. Then, without much notice or ceremony, you are out of a job, looking for a new one for the first time in a decade or more. Although you were at the **peak of your abilities and knowledge**, with a long track record of successes to demonstrate it, the environment can be very difficult and the experience devastating. We asked John, a close friend of 40Plus, to share his story, in his own words.

*I was **at my former employer for over 19½ years**. I loved my job and was paid very well. I even managed the company's softball program, which I had grown from one team and 16 players to three teams and 55 players.*

*When I found myself out of work, it felt as though **my comfortable world had been turned upside down**, but I was determined to turn what seemed to be a negative into a huge positive.*

*A little over two years later, I look back with pride. I've not only **moved into a more rewarding field**, but I've **improved my marketability** by applying what I learned in the 40Plus class. My professional network is much larger, and I'm much better prepared for the new job market realities. Along the way, I've developed great friendships through 40Plus.*

*My advice is to set what seem to be impossible goals, **envision yourself in the place you want to be, and don't quit until your dream is reality!** It won't be easy, but the rewards are great. I am grateful to 40Plus for providing me with the knowledge I needed to succeed in the job market and to my 40Plus classmates for encouraging me to take advantage of the opportunities my job loss provided.*

*I consider my career transformation to be my most impressive success bite to date, and I'm looking forward to adding to the list. Thank you, 40Plus!*

We couldn't possibly say it any better! **Thank you John!**

Since completing the course, John has been a tremendous supporter of 40Plus programs: as a regular facilitator, a frequent event volunteer, and as a donor. His enthusiasm inspires us all. We hope you as well. Please help John and the rest of us to continue our long tradition of training and service.

**We are turning 65 in 2018 – and we have NO intention of retiring!**

**But, we can't do it without YOU!**

Once again, with sincere thanks and best wishes for the season,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric H. Hertting".

Eric H. Hertting, Executive Director

**P.S. We are turning 65 and very proud of it! Stay tuned for our anniversary party next year! But, we need your help to make it another 65 years serving people like John (and possibly you at one time or in the future).**

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