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InnVision Shelter Network and LinkedIn Assist Bay Area Homeless in Search for Employment

Agency's NextGen Advisory Board Spearheads Initiative to Create LinkedIn Volunteer Opportunity

WHAT: LinkedIn employees are hosting a job preparation clinic for approximately 75 homeless clients of InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN) on Friday, July 18, 2014 at LinkedIn headquarters in Mountain View, CA. Event attendees will receive assistance with adapting their resumes into LinkedIn profiles and practicing interview skills with the help of LinkedIn volunteers.

WHY: IVSN staff and volunteers routinely assist clients with relevant training, tools, and resources to find and secure affordable housing and employment. Job preparation clinics are an extension of IVSN's "Beyond the Bed" service model. The volunteer opportunity created by the collaboration between the IVSN's NextGen advisory board and LinkedIn provides clients with the opportunity to receive resume assistance and education about contemporary job searching skills. Many of the agency's clients are job ready but need additional support identifying and connecting to the right opportunities; LinkedIn employees will help address this gap.

WHEN: Friday, July 18, 2014 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

WHERE: LinkedIn, Mountain View, CA

WHO: IVSN's NextGen Advisory Board was formed in 2014 to bring together young professional leaders from the community with the goal of creating strategic and functional collaborations to further IVSN's mission of assisting and empowering homeless individuals and families throughout the Peninsula and Silicon Valley. The NextGen Advisory Board created this volunteer event with LinkedIn employees through their "LinkedIn for Good" initiative. The LinkedIn volunteers are hosting this on-site, one-day workshop to assist IVSN clients who are searching for and preparing for employment opportunities. Representatives from IVSN and LinkedIn are available for interviews and comments.

About InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN)

InnVision Shelter Network (IVSN) is the leading provider of shelter/housing and supportive services throughout Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula. IVSN operates 18 sites from San Jose to Daly City, providing emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing, along with a set of non-site-based programs to help clients secure a place to call 'home.' IVSN homeless clients with its "Beyond the Bed" service model – a proven methodology that has historically delivered an 80% success rate in returning program graduates to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Through community support – including financial contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteerism - IVSN empowers people in our community struggling with poverty and homelessness to gain valuable skills that lead to long-term self-sufficiency. www.ivsn.org