



# Ohio Christian Women's Job Corps

A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT

## THE PURPOSE:

The purpose of Christian Women's Job Corps®, a ministry of WMU, is to provide a Christian context in which women in need are equipped for life and employment, and a missions context in which women help women.

## THE DESIGN:

CWJC has a flexible design allowing for customization to meet the needs of women and communities. While no two CWJC sites may be identical, each site will have eight key elements in common:

1. A mentor for every client.
2. A covenant with every client and mentor.
3. Bible study.
4. Networking.
5. Needs assessment of clients and communities.
6. Certification training.
7. Evaluation.
8. Advisory Council.



For twenty-four years I have been involved in the Tutoring Program at Stowe Baptist Center. I began seeing a pattern with families whose children are involved in tutoring. Because of this, I saw a need among the parents of the children to do something to break the cycle of poverty. Many of the children who come to the tutoring program are from single parent homes with mom being head of the household and usually being supported by the "system". When I heard about CWJC, I saw it as a ministry to equip women who are in need to go from dependency on the system to becoming self-sufficient women.

V.J. Sanchez, Metro Columbus  
CWJC Site Coordinator



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Jack Kwok, Ph.D. Executive Director-Treasurer

About a year ago, I was an unemployed drunk, in a destructive relationship, and in trouble with the law. I felt lost and hopeless and even attempted suicide. While looking through the phone book, I came across a phone number that completely changed my life, the number for Metro Columbus Christian Women's Job Corps. (The Site Coordinator) encouraged me to attend the classes at Center for New Directions. I signed up for the program even though I knew when I finished the classes, I had to turn myself in to the Correctional Center. Before turning myself in, I met with MCCWJC again to enroll in their program and meet my mentor. I know that I would have never survived my jail term without their encouragement and support. I am absolutely certain that if I did not have the support of my mentor and MCCWJC, I would have walked out of that jail, headed for the bar, and eventually wound up dead. This program has literally changed my life. By December, I was employed at a warehouse for the holiday season, and was even offered and accepted another permanent job that began in January. I am now living in my own apartment, sober and happy. I am also giving back to the program that turned a hopeless drunk into a confident, productive person.

Deanna Millward, former CWJC participant



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

1. Pray
2. Volunteer in one of these areas:
  - Prayer Partner
  - Bible Study
  - Mentor
  - Child Care
  - Transportation
  - Office Assistant
  - Professional Role Model
3. Funding through donations and equipment



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