

# The Christopher Watts Initiative



*THE SUN IS THE LIMIT.....REACH FOR THE SUN*

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide guidance, opportunities and information to individuals looking for assistance. Anyone who receives it should take the information to use and share it with others.

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## Is My E-Mail Job Offer A Scam?

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I was sitting at my desk when a client, Mark Jones, who has been unemployed for fourteen months, came into my office excited. He was happy because he had received a job offer from a company from South America. He received an e-mail from someone from the company saying he had been hired based off his resume that was seen online. Mark had not spoken verbally or interviewed with anyone from the company. Mark's job was to accept wire transfers from clients, take a percentage of the transfer, and send the rest to the company. Mark would be able to work from home and all he had to do was have a checking account and internet access.

I asked Mark for the name of the company and conducted an internet search only to come up empty handed. The company was not listed in any directory, mentioned in any articles, and did not have a website. I convinced Mark to respond to the e-mail and request additional information as well as a phone number to speak with someone from the company. Mark's e-mailed was responded with a message saying that the phone lines were down and that he should complete an application (attached to the e-mail). When I viewed the application, I was shocked to see that it did not ask about employment, education, or references but just personal and banking information.

During these hard economic times, some are taking advantage of the vulnerability of job seekers with e-mail job offer scams. Most scams will advertise the opportunity to work-at-home part-time, which is appealing to retirees, homemakers, and those with a family that are struggling to make ends meet. Scammers are attempting to trick recipients, usually struggling job seekers, into "laundering" stolen money (and victims may be unwittingly participating in illegal activities), giving up personal information for identity theft purposes, and providing banking information to make an unauthorized debit.

According to Scamdex, the E-mail Scam Resource ([www.scamdex.com](http://www.scamdex.com)), *Transaction Processing Assistant, Reshipping Agent, Goods Forwarding Executive, Processing Online Auction Listings* are all job descriptions that are being used for this scam. The scammers haunt online job and classified ad websites (Monster.com, Careerbuilder.com, Dice.com etc) and forums where they use people to scatter bomb links to their worthless websites. The website names changes often as their website gets blacklisted. The websites are enticing; always seem to take the same format which should ring alarm bells:

1. *Lots of graphics, pictures of money, cars, holiday destinations etc.*
2. *Shouty text, imperatives, exclamation marks, colored, large point size text.*
3. *Very long pages - you scroll down and down and it never seems to end - then, at the very bottom, there's the deal.*
4. *Lots and lots of testimonials*
5. *They almost always tell you that the jobs are "scam-free", or "totally legitimate". Some sites even use the fact that there are a lot of work-at-home scammers out there to promote their own (presumably non-scam) work-at-home jobs.*
6. *Extremely low qualifications required, almost always demand you have access to an internet connected computer.*

7. *Payment of a fee may be required for “training materials” or some magic list (companies, people, products etc).*
8. *Pay is fantastically great! \$100/hour, \$9,000 a week etc.*
9. *Very scant details of location of the “employer” - no address, phone number (beyond the 1800). Domain name will have existed for a very short time - Check with [domainwhitepages.com](http://domainwhitepages.com). Type in the domain name and look at the “Creation Date” on the Domain Whois Record. If it’s less than six months ago, forget it!*

Job seekers must exercise caution, diligence, and most importantly – common sense. When something sounds too good to be true, usually it is. Never be so quick to offer personal information through e-mail without ensuring that you are speaking with a legitimate person from a legitimate company. Always keep in mind that a job offer will never come through e-mail with someone you have never spoken with verbally or interviewed with. If you think you are being scammed or feel uncomfortable providing information to a stranger (and you should), do not give the information or continue communication.

You may file a consumer complaint with the FTC by calling (1-877-FTC-HELP ) or by using the FTC’s online filing system, located at <http://www.ftc.gov/>. Click on “File a Complaint Online.”

**Mariano's Fresh Market** is hiring 900 workers – 450 at each of its two new stores in Chicago – with all positions available.

**Mariano's Fresh Market** is owned by Roundy's Supermarkets, a Milwaukee-based company.

**Locations (Soon To Open)**

- 3350 N Western Chicago, IL (Roscoe & Western)
- 333 E Benton Place Chicago, IL (Lakeshore East)

**Application Instructions**

1. Go to [www.marianosfreshmarket.com](http://www.marianosfreshmarket.com)
2. Click on the "Careers" tab
3. Click the "Store Operations" tab
4. Create a profile/application and apply to the positions you are interested in
5. Qualified applicants will be contacted directly

**Triton Industries Is Hiring  
Apply In Person  
1020 North Kolmar Ave.  
2 blocks East of Cicero & Division  
Chicago, IL 60651**

Chicago Factory needs second shift (multiple openings). 4PM to 2AM, 4 Ten hour days, Rivet machine operator. \$8.25 per hour. Must be physically fit and able to lift 50 lbs. Must have good hand-eye coordination. We drug test.

**Application Instructions**

1. Apply In person
2. Be prepared to complete an application
3. Bring a resume if you have one

**Chicago Southland YouthBuild is hosting an Open House;** to bring together friends like you so that we can provide an overview of our GED and construction training program.

Please join us **Friday, June 17, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.;** at the Bethlehem Temple Church (rear entrance), 20 East 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Harvey, IL 60426.

Because we both share the mission of assisting underserved populations, we'd like to take this opportunity to discuss how this comprehensive educational and job training program can best meet the needs of your population. The core objectives of Chicago Southland YouthBuild are:

- To enable disadvantaged youth (18 – 24) who are high school dropouts to obtain the education and employment skills necessary to achieve self-sufficiency
- To provide opportunities for meaningful work and service to community,
- To foster the development of employment and leadership skills and
- To expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for low-income families

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**Lunch is on us.....Please confirm your attendance no later than Tuesday, June 14, 2011.** We look forward to seeing you.

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**The Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC)** provides safe and temporary housing for youth ages 10 – 18 with pending legal action in the Cook County Courts. The **JTDC** is dedicated to providing its youth with leadership, structured care, and supervision through a balanced approach of creative programming and services that teach responsibility, accountability, and sensitivity. Each member of the JTDC staff is actively encouraged and supported in pursuit of creative participation, personal well-being, and professional development (See Full Description Online).

### **Positions (See Full Description Online)**

- **Rapid Response Specialist (\$46,820 Salary) (See Full Description Online)**
  - A Bachelor's Degree in Juvenile, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Security Sciences or related Social Science field from an accredited college candidates must have at least 3 years of experience as a JTDC Youth Development Specialist or Juvenile Detention Counselor, Recreational Specialist, or as a Correctional Officer at another establishment and must meet AOIC certification requirements
  - Previous experience in social services or juvenile direct care. Preference to those with previous experience working with delinquent or emotionally troubled youths and/or families, which may have been in an intern or volunteer capacity
  - Ability to recognize abnormal behaviors and adverse health conditions in juveniles and follow proper medical reporting procedures
- **Security Specialist II (\$40,354 Salary) (See Full Description Online)**
  - Associates or Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, or any human service related field strongly preferred; High School Diploma or GED required
  - Must have 2 years previous experience in a guard or security capacity; institutional, correctional, or governmental experience strongly preferred
  - Must have or be able to obtain a Class C CDL (Commercial Drivers License) with a P (Passenger) Endorsement
  - Ability to: lift, push, pull, and otherwise move objects weighing up to 50 pounds; physically restrain an individual(s) if necessary; and stand and/or walk for long periods of time
  - Open availability for a rotating schedule covering days, evenings, weekends (shifts subject to change)

### **Application Instructions**

1. Go to [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)
2. Put "Cook County Juvenile Detention Center" in the keyword search bar
3. Put "Chicago, IL" in the location bar
4. Check for jobs posted in the last 30 days
5. Apply through the posting
6. Attach resume and complete the questionnaire

**Qualified Applicants** will be contacted directly by a Recruiter from Personified. Only candidates that meet the requirements will be contacted. No phone call inquiries are accepted.

**At Hard Rock Hotel Chicago**, we are upscale, but not uptight. We pride ourselves on giving our staff the freedom to be themselves -- no scripts to memorize, no sleepy elevator music, and way more flexibility in how you wear your hair! If you have a true passion for hospitality, service, and music, separate yourself from the crowd and join us!

### **Positions**

- Front Desk Agent
- Telephone Operator
- Loss Prevention Officer

### **Requirements**

- Must have flexible availability to work various shifts
- Positive customer service mentality
- Outgoing personality
- Reliable

### **Application Instructions**

- Apply in person Tuesday or Thursday from 2pm-3pm
- Our main address is 230 N. Michigan Avenue
- Please use the employee entrance, located on Garland Ct. behind the hotel
- We look forward to meeting you





**LINE COOKS  
PANTRY COOKS  
DISHWASHERS  
EXPEDITORS  
CONCESSIONS**

**Apply in person daily:**  
**1001 North Lake Shore Drive**  
**Chicago, IL 60611**

No one else in this business thinks quite like we do. By seamlessly blending our sense of family, genuine passion and unique mindset as restaurateurs, we continue to set ourselves apart for our guests and from our competitors, and create an amazing home for all of our hardworking, fun-spirited team members countrywide. The reason we have so many amazing people is best summed up by founder Larry Levy, "If you find a job you enjoy, you'll never work another day in your life."

**[www.levyrestaurants.com](http://www.levyrestaurants.com)**

Levy Restaurants is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Who We Are

Red Frog Events is a Chicago based event company which plans three nationwide running series (WarriorDash.com, GreatUrbanRace.com, and BeachPalooza.com).

## Our Spiel

Creating fun and extraordinary events through innovation, creativity and top-notch participant service, while laughing all the way.

## How We Roll

Red Froggers are extraordinary people doing super duper things. We want to be the best. We don't mind doing whatever it takes to get the job done. Our hustle is part of how we live our daily lives.

## Work With Us

We are seeking a **Warehouse Associate (June-September) (\$10/HR)** to aid us in the pre-race and post-race packing of our materials. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, packing, inventory, cleaning, and maintenance. This position would start as soon as possible. Please send us your resume and cover letter in order to be considered.

## Requirements

- Work hours: M-F 8 am to 4 pm
- Able to lift 50 pounds
- Fluent in English- spoken and written

## Application Instructions

- E-mail resume and cover letter to [jobs@redfrogevents.com](mailto:jobs@redfrogevents.com)

**Hulcher Services Inc.**, the premier leader in train derailment emergency response services for over 40 years, is committed to mobilizing people and equipment within one hour of the initial call to our Customer Response Center. This leading railroad derailment, load adjusts, and transfer company is now hiring.

### **Positions**

- Laborer
- CDL Driver

**Hulcher** offers a professional environment and competitive salary/benefits. Drug screen includes hair test and background check required. EOE

### **Application Instructions**

- Send resume (attachment) and cover letter (in-message text) [fieldjobs@hulcher.com](mailto:fieldjobs@hulcher.com)
- Fax resume and cover letter to 940-382-0270
- Place "Chicagoland Laborer" in the subject area on correspondence
- [www.hulcher.com](http://www.hulcher.com)

**First Student Bus Driver Job Fair**  
**Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am – 3pm**  
**16951 State Street**  
**South Holland, IL 60473**  
**708-210-2200**

**First Student**, a leader in student transportation, has an exciting Job Fair event coming up that you won't want to miss. Consider the advantages of a permanent, part-time position within an industry that is insulated from economic swings.

**Requirements**

- 21+ Years of Age
- Ability to pass a drug test & background check
- Possession of a valid IL driver's license
- 3+ years of driving experience
- Have an excellent driving record
- Ability to pass a DOT physical & state school bus physical

**Mariano's Fresh Market** is opening extraordinary grocery stores in Chicago this summer. If you love food and have a knack for connecting with people, we're interested in you.

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### **Positions**

- Store Director
- Assistant Manager
- Service Operations Manager
- Logistics Manager
- Manager of Replenishment and Night Crew
- Manager of Bakery and Deli
- Manager of Meat and Seafood
- Manager of Produce and Floral
- Food Service Manager

### **Locations (Soon To Open)**

- 3350 N Western Chicago, IL (Roscoe & Western)
- 333 E Benton Place Chicago, IL (Lakeshore East)

### **Application Instructions**

- E-mail resume (attachment) and cover letter (in-message text) to [retailopportunities@roundys.com](mailto:retailopportunities@roundys.com)
- Fax resume and cover letter to 414-231-7022
- Make sure you place the position you are applying for and Chicago, IL in the subject area (Example: Store Director – Chicago, IL)

**BCBGMAXAZRIA Employment Open House**  
**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**4pm – 7pm**  
**Damen Avenue**  
**1714 North Damen Avenue**  
**Chicago, IL 60622**  
**866 618 2795**  
**(www.bcbgmaxazriagroup.com)**

Recognized as a global leader of women's contemporary fashion, **BCBGMAXAZRIA GROUP** continues to grow and diversify. With an international vision of Bon Chic, Bon Genre (French for Good Style, Good Attitude), **BCBG MAXAZRIA Group** maintains the highest standards in creativity, quality and innovation -- in its product offering, operations and staff. The Group's vast portfolio of over 20 brands encompasses a retail and wholesale network of more than 9,000 points of sale in over 45 countries on 5 continents. With more than 10 offices around the globe, our worldwide team is integral to the company's successful expansion. **We are currently seeking** creative, talented and dynamic individuals to join our growing workforce of over 10,000 employees.

**Positions**

- Experienced Managers
- Stylists (Must Posses A Client Book/Contacts)
- Sales Professionals

**Please Bring** A Copy Of Your Resume

**BCBGMAXAZRIA** Is An Equal Opportunity Employer

**Equinox Fitness Open House For Personal Trainers!**  
**Thursday, June 16th**  
**9:00 AM SHARP!!!**  
**900 N. Michigan Ave.**  
**Chicago, IL 60611**

**Equinox Fitness Clubs**, the premier fitness company in the industry, is looking for qualified full time and part time personal Trainers to join an atmosphere defined by energy and professionalism. Since 1991, Equinox has developed a lifestyle brand that represents service, quality, value, innovation, attention to detail and results. We operate upscale, full-service fitness facilities in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, San Francisco, Boston and Washington D.C. We offer an integrated selection of Equinox-branded programs, services and products, including strength and cardio training, group fitness classes, personal training, spa services, apparel and food/juice bars.

**Equinox Personal Trainers** provide personalized attention, professional instruction, and exercise programming to each member to maximize the member's health, fitness, and wellness goals while providing the highest level of customer service.

**We are hiring for all our Chicago locations!**

**As a member of the Equinox Fitness Team you will receive:**

- The highest compensation structure in the industry
- Performance-based pay period, monthly and annual bonus opportunities
- Over 100 hours of complimentary continuing education through our EFTI program, taught by leading industry educators and top Equinox Personal Trainers.
- Career advancement- Progress through 4 Tiers of Personal Training, become a Master Instructor, or in-club manager with the top training and development program in the industry
- Competitive Benefits Package including medical, dental and 401K
- Earning potential of 100k+

**To Be The Best You Need To Work With The Best!**

**Please RSVP** via email to [Prima.Pongspikul@equinox.com](mailto:Prima.Pongspikul@equinox.com) to be placed on the guest list. Spots are limited. Please attach your resume (in word or pdf format) to your email, and be sure to bring a hard copy to the Open House! If you cannot attend please still submit your resume for consideration!



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**Apply in person at our restaurant for the following positions:**

**Front Line Crew Member  
Restaurant Crew Member  
Cashier  
Grill and Prep Cook  
Kitchen Manager**

**Apply in person at:**

**Chipotle - Oak Park** 1132 W. Lake St Oak Park , IL 60301  
**Chipotle - Lincoln and Orchard** 2256 N. Orchard Ave. Chicago, IL 60614  
**Chipotle - Belmont and Kenmore** 1025 W. Belmont Chicago, IL 60657  
**Chipotle - Diversey** 614 W. Diversey Chicago, IL 60657





The United States Postal Service  
is accepting applications for

## **Postal Support Employees**

Apply on our website

<http://www.usps.com/employment>

*June 6 -10, 2011*

This position pays **\$14.60** per hour this is a temporary position for various Chicago Postal Facilities

- >Must be 18 years of age or High School graduate
- >Must be a US Citizen or have permanent resident alien status
- >Must pass a background check and drug screen
  - >Must take the 473 Battery Examination
- >Limited benefits include paid vacation days and health insurance after the first 360 day term

Your completed profile and application must be submitted on-line by 11:59pm Central Time June 10, 2011.

***NO PAPER APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!***

**Aarons Sales and Lease Open House**  
**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**12pm – 6pm**  
**654 Torrence Ave.,**  
**Calumet City, IL**

**Aaron's, Inc.**, is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol AAN, with over \$2.7 billion dollars in annual revenues. Founded in 1955, Aaron's is the nation's fastest growing retailer of furniture, appliances, computers and electronics with over 1,800 plus stores. Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership, Rimco, Custom Wheels and Tires, Aaron's Office Furniture, Woodhaven Furniture Manufacturing and our Franchise Group are a few of the operating divisions that make up the Aaron's family of businesses.

**Aaron's** is looking for Highly Competitive, Sports Minded individuals to join our Winning Team. At Aaron's you will find a highly competitive and rewarding work environment with unlimited growth potential. If you think you have what it takes to compete in this highly competitive environment **APPLY TODAY!!!**

**Positions**

- Manager Trainees
- Sales Managers
- Customer Service Representatives
- Product Technicians

**Locations**

- S.Chicago Heights
- S. Cicero
- Markham
- Ashland
- Calumet City
- Bradley

**Application Instructions**

- Apply online for the position(s) you are interested in at [www.aarons.com/careers](http://www.aarons.com/careers)
- Bring a resume and be prepared to interview