



March 24, 2014

Kevin Dick  
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Dear Kevin:

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate members to the Durham Workforce Development Board. The Chamber would like to recommend Ernie Mills, CEO of the Durham Rescue Mission, for appointment to the Durham Workforce Development Board.

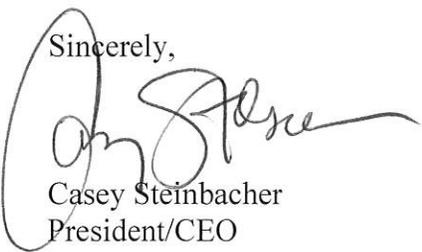
Mr. Mills can be a valuable asset to the Durham Workforce Development Board for three principle reasons:

1. The connection the Durham Rescue Mission has to the business community and the potential of the Rescue Mission to help the Durham Workforce Development Board's plans to collaborate with the business community to form private sector-supported training models;
2. The presence of the Mr. Mill's organization on the Board will be critical as the Board works to strengthen relationships and programs with the homeless provider community and the provisions of services to homeless individuals in Durham;
3. The emphasis on workforce development within the Rescue Mission and the potential for a greater partnership with the Durham Career Center;

Mr. Mills has a true passion for helping those in need and a comprehensive understanding on the population the Board serves which will be relevant to being an effective member on the Durham Workforce Development Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Casey Steinbacher  
President/CEO