



[The Power of Networking: You're Not Alone!](#)

RochesterWorks! member John had many years experience working as an Electrical Engineer but had been unemployed since 2006. John worked in some short term positions but was not working for periods of time that lasted as long as 34 months. During this time John discovered that one way to deal with the stress and frustration of being unemployed was to be around other people who were going through a similar experience.

John joined several networking groups where people shared their stories, both good and bad, and also became a member of RochesterWorks!. After meeting with a career services advisor during his initial visit, John attended resume writing and interviewing workshops, then met with a job search advisor to discuss his job hunt strategy. He also joined the RochesterWorks! Job Network, which provides an opportunity for job seekers to explore successful job search strategies, ideas, best practices, share employment leads and expand their network in a supportive environment.

When asked about his experience at RochesterWorks! John says, "Advice that I would give to a job seeker is do not wait, engage in RochesterWorks! as soon as possible, they are a wealth of resources available to help, and it is all free."

Recently all of John's hard work paid off when he landed a job that he loves through networking. John was speaking to someone in a networking group and through this conversation he received a contact name, participated in a phone screen interview, then a face-to-face interview and finally landed the job of his dreams.

John is now a firm believer in the power of networking and advises other job seekers to "network as much as you can, with anybody you can think of. It's amazing how many people want to help you find a new job. I give a special thanks to the Job Search team at RochesterWorks! No matter what, keep your hopes up and stay connected."