

# Working Progress

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## Stroke Changes Everything: A Family's Story

Jim was in the middle of "closing" a wholesale fish sale on a typical Tuesday at his company. He suddenly felt a blinding, acute headache, became disoriented and lapsed into unconsciousness. This forty-two year old father of two young boys had just experienced a cerebral vascular accident (CVA)—"stroke" in the vernacular--and his personal life and his family's would never be the same.

Jim came to NVS seeking part-time work to supplement Social Security income and food stamps. He was physically sound and motivated, but couldn't find work primarily due to speech/language difficulties after the stroke. He could not really "word-find" in order to express himself accurately and had some difficulties grasping instructions. His wife and a speech pathologist devised a mixed language-gesture system for Jim's "try-out" at a small local manufacturing company. An NVS Job Coach also assisted this successful try-out. Despite Jim's language deficiencies, his big THANK YOU, his smile, and his work focus were clear to all.

Last week was a big one for Jim and family because he did so well on the tryout that the company hired him—permanent, part-time. Unfortunately, Jim will never be again at the height of his game as a fish broker. He will, however, have the satisfaction of working successfully several days a week for the manufacturing company and helping his family to a better standard of living. Jim's hiring also frees his wife for more sales work in a small business that she runs from home. NVS is very thankful for the community support that funded the job coach who assisted Jim in adapting within the company. Jim's life—and his family's—is appreciably better.

Note: "Jim's" name and other details have been changed to protect his privacy.

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## Fund-a-Client

Fund-a-Client is a “mission-critical” service at NVS. Individual clients have individual needs. For example, a client who would take a non-paid job tryout must pay for insurance. Some clients need money for parking to attend Job Club; some need money for transportation to work. Others may need financial support to pay for tests, licenses or certification in order to work.

NVS Fund-A-Client does, however, provide financial support for these work-related needs. We need your help because **no** money to meet these needs is available from grants, foundations, the state or federal programs.

Donations to NVS Fund-a-Client may be made at our Annual “Spring Fling” Gala Auction & Dinner or through our on-line Donation Form at <http://www.nvsrehab.org>. Thank you.

**NVS screens 300-350 people each year and helps 75-100 to competitive employment.**

### Stroke—Donor Helps Family

Donors are appreciated: We'd like to thank board member Jan Pelroy for reaching out to our client “Jim” who, with his wife, told their story to our board. Jan donated part of his pension funds for two years to help Jim and family through this transition period. Thanks so much Jan! The funds make a huge difference in the quality of life for this couple and their two young sons. In addition to supporting NVS through advertising in our newsletter, tax-deductible donations may be made directly to Neurological Vocational Services in support of clients like Jim. Our address is **NVS, c/o Harborview Medical Center, Box 359744, 325 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.**

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### Newsletter Advertising Rates

Full Page (8.5" x 11"): .....\$350  
 1/2 Page (4" x 7.25"): .....\$180  
 1/4 Page: (4" x 3.5"): .....\$120  
 Business card (3.25" x 2") .....\$ 55

All Ads are Black ink only. Camera Ready art must be supplied in black & white.

Note: All advertising material is subject to publisher's agreement by the advertiser to protect the publisher from loss or expenses, or claims based upon the subject matter of the advertisement. Liability for any error for which the publisher may be held legally responsible will not exceed the cost of the space occupied by the error. Publisher reserves the right to reject any advertising inconsistent with publication standards. Publisher will not be liable for loss of income or profits of any consequent damage. Publisher is not responsible for any error in ads that are supplied by advertiser."

“Working Progress” is published in March, July and October. Special Editions printed as needed Circulation 750+  
 Full payment (cash or check) due with camera ready artwork and signed contract.  
 Rates subject to change without notice.

SAMPLE-1/2 Page AD

SAMPLE-1/4 Page AD

SAMPLE - Business Card Ad

**Note: Sizes of partial page advertising spaces (e.g., 1/2 and 1/4 pages) customized for Newsletter format.**

**THANK YOU FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE — NVS Officers, 2004**

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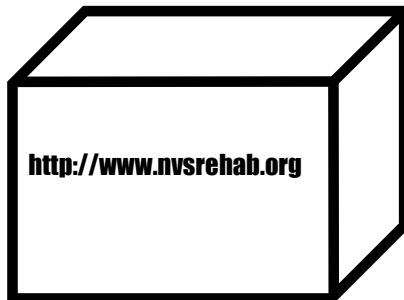
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■ to the Combined Fund,  
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## What's Ahead – Future Issues – Neurological Vocational Service Newsletter *Working Progress*

Watch for news, interview and articles.

- Annual Spring Fling Gala Auction & Dinner
- Client Success Story
- H.R. Tips for Employers
- On the Job Simulations: Hiring Tool for Employers
- Teleworking - News

### Dates to Save

Mark your calendars.

Join NVS at the Mariners / San Diego Padres game on **Friday, May 20**, 7:05 p.m. NVS has good tickets( First Base Side, Field Level) available for \$35 each. Checks should be payable to NVS, noted w/number of tickets-Mariners/ Padres, and sent to David Koepnick, NVS, Harborview Medical Center, 325 - 9th Ave., Box 359744, Seattle, WA 98104 direct # (206) 744-9135, email: [dkhmc@u.washington.edu](mailto:dkhmc@u.washington.edu). NOTE: Payment for these tickets must be received by April 15, 2005.

Our Annual Spring Fling Gala Auction & Dinner will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2005** at McCormick & Schmicks Harborside. Yes, we will have music for your enjoyment. More later - check back on this site.

Next, we are proud to announce that our Fall Fundraiser will again be hosted at Koryn Rolstad's elegant studio loft in Belltown. We hope for glorious September Weather: our fundraiser date to be announced soon on this site. The sunset ought to be spectacular through her studio windows. Join us then.