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Warm Greetings,

On your career journey, let your passions and interests be the job search compass.

Two clients whom I've helped successfully, Jayne and Patrick, are passionate about preventing and stemming violence through very different career paths. I hope their stories will inspire you to focus on one of your passions that can make a difference.



Jayne's Passion to Keep the Peace

As a girl, Jayne Johnson was the one who broke up neighborhood fights. Since she was 13 years old, she wanted to be a police officer. In college she focused on it more, especially after a local murder. "The case really struck me," Jayne said, "If I can stop people like him from hurting people like them, that is really what I care about. Stepping in to do the job that a lot of people can't do. It's touchy and not pretty, but it can really make a difference. By making people's day better and safe, that's what drives me."

Now Employed in her Dream Job

She wasn't getting many job interviews, so she gave Vicki a call. "I wasn't sure what to do and wanted help from someone who knows the game. I also wanted to improve my interview skills," she said.

Jayne, while passionate about being a cop, faced a long time challenge in this competitive field. "Getting into this career—especially as a woman—is really difficult. I think I started trying out to be a police officer in 2004," she shared. "Vicki said something that really stuck with me. She said, 'I believe you have the answers and skills inside of you; we just have to find them.'" After four sessions of interviewing strategy and practice, Jayne nailed the interview and was offered a position to keep the peace in Lincoln City. As we push the send button, she is attending the police academy in Salem.

Jayne's Takeaways and Advice

1. Let *one* passion direct your path and stay on it.
2. Find your *biggest* roadblock and seek support for it.

Next time learn more from Jayne's success as well as how Patrick re-shaped his career after relocating. He led a successful violence prevention organization, Men Can Stop Rape, for 12 years in Washington D.C. before moving to Oregon.

As a Career Counselor & Marketing Coach, I help job seekers, those in career transition, as well as solo business owners. Learn more at vlind.com.

Best,

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