



Assets, Inc.

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To all the extraordinary individuals served by Assets now and in the past,

After just about 39 years here, I will be leaving Assets in June and wanted the most important people in the organization to know a few things as I go.

To those of you who I had the honor of working with directly, I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart. I learned so much about what it really means to listen, to be listened to, respected, and how to be a good friend. I learned everyone can achieve when given both the chance and the right support. I learned more from each of you than any college degree could expect to deliver. I learned from you that the most important part of working with people is to form authentic, true relationships. I am leaving here with some of those that I will never forget.

To those of you served here that I didn't have the opportunity to work with or for, I feel sorry; not for you, but rather for me. How many other great relationships could we have shared? How many other tiny bits of knowledge might I get to think I imparted? How many laughs we could have had together. You will all achieve much, and you have my best wishes for success, independence and happiness.

To those who left before me and many before their time, we should all thank them. Whether proving places like Harborview Developmental Center did not need to exist, that past issues in life or behavior do not reflect what great accomplishments can be achieved once given the opportunity, or folks who proved psychiatric hospitals are to help in acute situations, not to house people for decades. I like to think people's lives were better for knowing us, I only hope I am right on that.

Please have faith that staff at Assets understand our mission and strive to follow our core values. Please give them the opportunity to learn from you and develop real and long-term relationships. These were the greatest gifts I received here and will cherish forever.

With greatest respect,

Matt Jones

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