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It's a new year, and people around the world are thinking about a fresh start.

If you're unemployed, you're probably focused on landing a job. If you're uncertain about your current position, you're likely dreaming of something new.

For most people, having a job – especially one that offers appropriate compensation and fulfillment – is extremely important to quality of life. It enables us to provide for ourselves and those we love, to apply our talents, to enjoy some of life's indulgences and to make contributions that elevate communities and industries.

Not having a job or working in one that's distasteful can threaten an individual's sense of security, worth and joy.

A Staffing Associate with AppleOne Employment Service in Thousand Oaks, Chase Tenen understands what joining the workforce can do for someone and how alignment with the right opportunity can make a person thrive.

"When I get someone a job, I 'put a ball in motion,'" says Tenen. "It alters a person's life path; they get new opportunities and meet new people. And, in the best recruitment scenarios, everybody wins – happy client, happy candidate, happy you. For me, facilitating these positive outcomes is more rewarding than a paycheck."

Tenen's own background enables him to relate to clients who have struggled or are striving for higher achievements in life.

"I didn't see myself going to college, and even though I felt at home when I attended CI, I doubted I would finish due to financial struggles and the pressure of rigorous coursework," he says. "Yet, despite my doubts, I earned my degree and became the first college graduate in my family. Now, I sit writing this in a suit and tie, earning an attractive income doing something I love. Accomplishment \checkmark ."

Self-described as an adventurous soul, Tenen loves hiking with his dog, Max, and "exploring what our beautiful California has to offer."

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