On Helping Others as a 501(c)(3)

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So as you guys might know if you follow me on social media (why don't you — twitter and instagram) then you know I found out on Saturday — the day of my son's communion! — that my company is officially a 501(c)(3) corporation! I had already known I was a nonprofit for my state and then when I returned from my vacation and my Beautiful Self photo shoot in between all of that, I filed to be a 501(c)(3).

Why?

I filed because it was important for me to be officially a nonprofit, to be able to raise funds and support the things (training, books, and more) I want to do for free to help other people who have been hit with cancer get to their "new normal."

I cannot stress enough that once you finish treatment (or if you are on maintenance treatment) and are cleared for work it is hard to figure out what you need to do to get back out there again. Or if you did work during treatment, maybe now that the roller coaster has paused for a moment, you realize you have not been happy at your work — maybe the stress levels are too high or maybe you have had issues with colleagues who, you know, are like jealous of all the time off you took during cancer (sounds absurd, but it happens).

Whatever your particular story is, the fact is that you are either actively thinking of moving to a new position OR you were canned and need to find something new. For me, I have spent years helping people get to the next step (seriously, it was the name of my company, The Next Step) with resumes, interviewing help, and even wrote BOOKS on how to be entrepreneurial in your job search and more.

Despite all of that, here I was ready to find a new job and I was CLUELESS. Literally, clueless. I had no idea what to do. I mean, I kind of "knew," but not really. I had a new body, new hair and no clue what to do and how.

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I always considered being an entrepreneur again but I knew that what I really wanted to do was help others and now here I am another big move to getting my initiative funded and more to launch more — so many plans (a new post will come about that soon) oh and news to share soon, too.

A friend of mine recently asked me, "So you are doing this nonprofit thing but you could not find a

job?” Yes, a friend… lol. It is ok — it makes sense — for me, I have been entrepreneurial for many years and to be able to give back and officially as a 501(c)(3) this is what I am supposed to be doing!

In case you were interested, my Mission Statement is:

> The Time Between Is, INC provides training and services for individuals who have experienced cancer. Cancer can lead to loss of job or taking a break from work which can be hard to get back to the career after going through this disease. This service and training includes online and in person session along with workbooks resume writing interview help and more to help people get back to their “new normal” after cancer.
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> The specific objectives and purpose of this organization shall be:

1. to provide instruction and training in getting back to work after cancer;
2. to provide resumes, interview help and more for individuals ready to return to work after cancer.
3. to provide opportunities for participants to be mentored and assisted on the path back to employment.
4. to sponsor, host and/or participate in events and activities that promote getting back to work after cancer.

What do you think? Sign up today at Career After Cancer to make sure you get notices about all of the upcoming events and training and more!

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