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**The joy of life is in the journey, a Jim Hammer story**

**TULSA, Okla.—** When thinking of the qualities and values that constitute a respectable professional, Jim Hammer comes to mind. His optimistic attitude, enthusiasm for his job and his level of humility makes him a respectable professional in the workplace.

 Jim finds his first job at the age of 14 at Skaggs Alphabeta in Tulsa, Okla. There lies the foundation for the beginning of success in the work industry. He acquires his first glimpse of work ethic and integrity.

 “I loved bagging groceries and helping customers. It felt good to be of service,” said Jim.

 Jim embarks on a period of carelessness fueled by an ego driven mentality that ultimately causes him to lose his first job. Although the seed of a strong, ethical worker is planted, its roots are not ready to grasp new soil. He makes many mistakes throughout his adolescent years, all of which provide him with opportunities for growth and maturity.

 Jim decides to shift his focus to finishing high school. After graduating high school he enrolls at Tulsa Junior College. He struggles with trying to find balance between school and other commitments. One year of college proves to be enough for him and he calls it quits.

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A short time after finishing his freshman year of college, a friend helps get him an

interview at IBM in downtown Tulsa. He seizes the opportunity and goes in for an interview. His positivity and enthusiasm help land him the job. Jim, 23 years old, has no idea that this marks the beginning of a lifelong career in the computer industry.

 His first exposure to technology is when his father buys him a cassette tape computer. His love for technology begins, paving the way for a successful, rewarding future.

 “I find it ironic that growing up, my favorite toy was a cassette tape computer and I now work for a computer company. My dad bought me that computer and I loved it,” said Jim.

 Over 20 years later, he still works for IBM. What starts out as a laborious job pulling hundreds of tapes in a control room now blossoms into an amazing career. He loves the freedom and responsibility of working from home. Jim loves being good at computers and finds analytical problem solving a rush. Jim’s fondness for helping others and that instinctual drive motivates him to continue to excel in his job.

 “Words can merely express how rewarding it is to solve a problem that inhibits thousands of people from being able to work. I find that my job is just as rewarding today as it was 20 years ago,” said Jim.

 Jim views his job as an opportunity of service. I respect and admire his selflessness in

and out of the workplace. IBM recently picks up a contract for the Navy through the

Department of Defense. Jim’s humble willingness to put his family first shines through and he

transitions into working nights. Jim finds it paramount that he is an active participant in his

daughter’s life.

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 There is much to say about Jim. With one glance over his life, it’s easy to see that his success stems from integrity, honesty and a sincere desire to be helpful to others.

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