People Who Want to Help You

1. Every alumna or alumnus of your school
2. Every former employer
3. Every branch, subsidiary, parent, and affiliate of every former employer
4. Every former co-worker
5. Every competitor to every former employer
6. Every supplier or vendor to every former employer
7. Every customer or client of every former employer
8. Every venture or business partner to every former employer
9. Every consultant (person or group) to your former employer
10. Every famous person in your targeted industry
11. Every writer at every newspaper or journal that covers your field
12. Every friend you ever had
13. Every friend your friends ever had
14. Every spouse your friends ever had
15. Every parent or close relative your friends ever had
16. Every acquaintance, however fleeting, you ever had
17. Your parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, …
18. Every friend your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., ever had
19. Every employer or business associate of any kind of your parents, etc.
20. All the alumni of all your other almae matres
21. Every professor or teacher you ever had, or who ever worked anywhere you went to school
22. Every career center officer and career counselor at every school you ever attended
23. Every teacher or professor of your kids, siblings, friends, parents, etc.
24. Every leader and member of your church, synagogue, or temple
25. Every leader and member of every social, academic, or professional club you know of
26. Every neighbor you ever had
27. Every doctor you ever had
28. Every accountant and financial advisor you ever had
29. Every attorney and every insurance agent you ever had
30. Every hairdresser or barber you ever had
31. Every dry cleaner you ever had
32. Every masseuse or masseur you ever had
33. Every personal trainer you ever had
34. Every coach and member of every sports team you were ever on
35. Every gym manager or membership director you’ve ever met (or known of)
36. Every real estate broker you ever had
37. Every auto mechanic you ever had
38. Every veterinarian you ever had
39. Every yenta you ever had
40. Every wedding planner or photographer you ever had
41. Every funeral director known by anyone you know
42. Every doorman or doorman in every building in the financial district
43. Every clerk in every corner store
44. Every cabdriver of every cab you ride in while looking for work
45. Every bartender at every club you shouldn’t be hanging out in anyway
46. Everybody you know by first name from A.A.
47. Every psychic you ever consulted, or thought you consulted
48. Every drill sergeant or fellow soldier or sailor you served with
49. Everybody you ever helped out in this life
50. Start over and talk to them all again

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