

“...the future does have a name, and it is Hope.”

- Pope Francis



In his Ted Talk on April 25, 2017, Pope Francis made it clear, “A single individual is enough for hope to exist, and that individual can be you.” Here at SJS, we celebrate the powerful truth in this. From our pre-k students to our board members, from the Youth Cohort grads to our golden-age computer students featured in this newsletter, we are surrounded by folks who don’t simply get by in the present, but rather look toward the future. When counting those who inspire hope at SJS and beyond, we must recognize the SJS staff. These incredible people do not get lost in the challenges of complex social justice issues, limited resources, or staffing changes. They step up, have faith in the future, and do what it takes to get there. And all the while, they model our organizational values and their own personal integrity. They are the force behind SJS’s strong present and hopeful future. Thank you for joining me in celebrating them and the fruits of their efforts in this issue.

Fondly, *Heather*

Inaugural Graduating Class Looks to the Future



Austin Youth Program Manager, Tyiesha (left), with the 2018 Teen Cohort Graduates

St. Joseph Services held the first graduation for the Professional Advancement Internship Development (PAID) Program’s Youth Leadership Cohort Interns in March. Ryan, Reyna, Jaida, Keishun, and Daniel (not pictured) all officially graduated and were presented with certificates of achievement. Four of these Interns started the PAID Program during the Winter camp in December 2015 and the other in Spring Camp 2016. They received work and life skills training in every SJS camp since and each have made great strides. Three of them will be attending college in the fall, one plans to start her own cosmetics business, and the other has one more year of high school remaining.

The graduation ceremony honored these hard working young men and women and recognized their incredible advancements in various skills including personal finance, employment readiness, and resume writing. Graduating Intern Jaida said she would recommend the program to anyone entering high school. She noted, “Taking part in the PAID Program helped us learn some important life skills. Learning how to create a personal budget and professional resume was really helpful as I prepared to take the next step after high school.” SJS is so proud of this amazing group!

SJS Celebrates Our Amazing Volunteers

St. Joseph Services celebrated and showed thanks to our incredible volunteers during National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 16-20). Our hundreds of volunteers graciously share their time and talents, enabling SJS to continue providing quality programming and serve over 1,100 youth and adults. Their commitment and hard work allow SJS to offer programs more economically. This helps SJS grow and expand programs and improves our ability to reach more people in the communities we serve. We recognize that our volunteers are a driving force of St. Joseph Services. It is through our skilled and talented volunteers that we are able to provide programs and services to so many people with such a small paid staff. Thank you volunteers!



SJS Volunteers at St. Angela School

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Developing Youth



After School Program Alum Continuing to Serve

Aniyah started in the Austin After School Program in 2013 and just completed the eighth grade. She is a tremendous student and always goes above and beyond to learn more and support others in need. Aniyah graciously offered to provide help to the Youth Instructors almost every day after finishing her homework. She quickly learned how to copy and scan documents and eventually named herself the "SJS Office Manager."

Aniyah graduated from St. Angela School in June and SJS could not be more proud! SJS is also excited that Aniyah will be volunteering as an Assistant Youth Instructor for the SJS Summer Camp in Austin and joining the SJS PAID Program as a Youth Leadership Cohort Intern. Austin Youth Program Manager Tyiesha shared, "It was a bitter sweet day for the SJS team when Aniyah graduated. We will miss her intuitive mind, support, and enthusiasm for the After School Program. That's why we were super excited when she agreed to come back and volunteer for Summer Camp and become a part of the Youth Leadership Cohort. We can't wait to work with her." Congrats Aniyah!

Educating Adults



SJS Salutes Inspiring Power Couple

Juan and Sofia have been taking SJS Computer Literacy classes together since last fall. Juan is 83 years old and Sofia is 74, and they have been married for 23 years! They make the journey to SJS all the way from the Andersonville neighborhood, taking two buses during their commute! Juan and Sofia were previously taking classes closer to their home, but switched to SJS for enhanced instruction. They regularly attend SJS classes together twice a week.

Juan and Sofia are persistent and active students. Both started the SJS Computer Literacy Program with limited knowledge of computers. They quickly advanced from the Basic class to the Level 2 class and are now able to create, edit, and save documents, as well as browse the internet. Even more remarkable, instead of using telegrams to send messages as they did in their younger days, they are now using e-mail and Skype to communicate with friends and family in Mexico. Despite Juan's hearing impairment and Sofia's recent foot injury, they are always ready for class. They are indeed an unstoppable duo!

Transforming Lives

CMA Program Completes First Year

The Community Mentoring Apprenticeship (CMA) Program wrapped up its first program year this spring. This component of the SJS PAID Program consisted of collaborations with skilled professionals to expose participants to a variety of trades. The primary focus of this new program is career-driven workforce development.

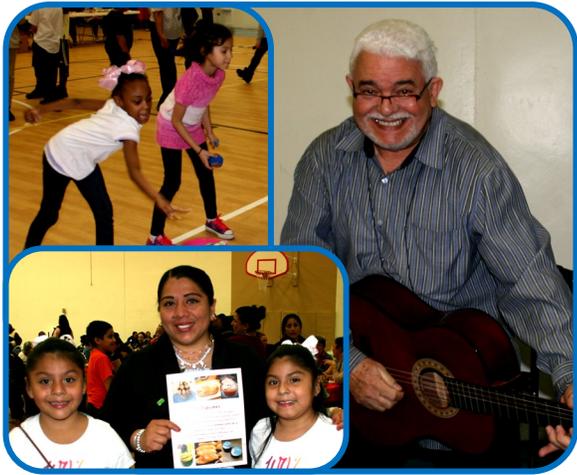
The Community Mentoring Apprentices began in October with modules lasting 2 to 15 weeks each. The CMA Program finished the year with a graduation ceremony in May. The first CMA module was a union Painters Pre-Apprentice Program which included a painting project at neighboring St.

Aloysius Parish in Chicago. The other completed modules included barbering/cosmetology, manufacturing, welding, real estate, and computer software and troubleshooting.

The enthusiasm of the Apprentices was exceptional. This was especially highlighted by Jessie. He displayed an incredible openness to learn all of the different trades. Jessie noted, "I joined to learn about different professions and broaden my horizon. I love how the program is designed to show us real jobs and keep us on our toes and engaged. It opened my eyes to see there's much more than what I thought was available." SJS wishes all the CMA graduates nothing but success!

Community Events

Family Night in Humboldt Park



Our program participants and their families enjoyed an evening of games, live music, homemade food from the Adult Education students, and raffle prizes.

Night of the Arts in Austin



Family and friends came out to support our students at St. Angela School as they performed dances and songs to the theme *Music through the Decades*.

Trivia Night in Hinsdale



Thank you to the 200 plus supporters who joined us for our annual Trivia Nights in Hinsdale and Chicago for fun and “educational” nights. Congratulations to our winning teams, Arnie’s Army and Average Joe’s!

Trivia Night in Chicago



Wondering how you can support SJS?

Our Adult Education and Youth Programs are in need of many wish list items! If you would like to support our programming with any of the following items, please ship to 1501 N. Oakley Blvd., Chicago, IL 60622, or provide us with specific instructions on how to spend your donation. Visit our website, www.stjosephservices.org, for specific links and prices. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions? Please call (773) 278-0484.

Adult Education Wish List



- * Bulletin Boards
- * Expo Markers
- * Portable Whiteboard
- * Map of the US and World
- * Citizenship Books Class Set
- * ESL Books Class Set
- * Samsung Galaxy 8” 32 GB Tablets
- * Electric Pencil Sharpener

Youth Programs Wish List



- * Basketballs
- * Dodgeballs
- * Portable Soccer Goals
- * Hula Hoops
- * Large Gym Equipment Bag
- * Mini Whiteboards
- * Hundreds Charts
- * Gardening Supplies
- * Art Supplies



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Save the Date!



Crews & Brews

Monday, August 13th, 2018

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Lagunitas Brewery: The Basement

\$20 online registration

Hosted by the SJS Associate Board

Event includes: access to The Basement, light dinner, raffle giveaways, and Lagunitas' freshest offerings available for purchase!

14th Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 20th, 2018

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Bredemann Lexus and Ford in Glenview

\$75 online registration

Join us as we honor R1 RCM Inc. with the

2018 Lee McDonnell Transform a Life Award!

Event includes: live music, light buffet, drinks, and silent auction



Program Locations



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