

New and Improved ESL Curriculum



St. Joseph Services is excited to announce we are creating a new curriculum for our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Harry, Adult Education Coordinator, started the process in April while working on a funding proposal for the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL). Adult Program

Assistant Eva and Computer Literacy Manager Alex are also helping develop the new curriculum. Eva is using her experience teaching ESL classes to help identify lesson plans that have proven successful over the years. Alex is providing valuable feedback on useful ways to implement the use of technology to enhance learning.

The new curriculum will focus on encouraging students to develop skills needed to better express themselves to others. The goal is to help students use English effectively to communicate their feelings, emotions, and needs. Lessons will also focus on the importance of developing conversation skills and using technology. SJS and our ESL students and volunteers can't wait to put this new curriculum into practice!

Staff Receive Professional Certificates from Notre Dame

St. Joseph Services is proud to have three employees recently earn Nonprofit Professional Development certificates from the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business. Andy, Sally, and Jeremy completed the four-month Nonprofit Fund Development program in May. The classes focused on important nonprofit business topics including strategic planning, donor relationships, sustaining one's mission, and event fundraising.

Andy, Sally, and Jeremy created a fund development strategy for St. Joseph Services, which they presented on their final day of class. They recommended strategies learned through their classwork and produced an incredible assignment that received high praise from the instructor. Jeremy shared, "This was a great experience and taught me so much about the methods and practices that make nonprofits successful. We hope to use information to make St. Joseph Services even stronger." SJS is so proud of our graduates!



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Former Program Participant Continues to Serve SJS



Jaida joined St. Joseph Services in 2014 as an intern in the SJS Professional Advancement Internship Development (PAID) Program. Jaida was part of the Youth Leadership Cohort that worked as youth instructors for SJS seasonal camps while also receiving work and life skills training. She is a member of the 2018 inaugural graduating class of Youth Leadership interns that successfully completed three years of training. Jaida noted about her experience in the PAID Program, "I learned many lessons and how patience is key when working with children. I also learned that not all children are the same and that some require more attention or help when it comes to activities."

Last year Jaida graduated from DePaul College Prep High School and is now attending Northern Illinois University. Jaida is majoring in Health Sciences with an intent to pursue Nursing. After college, she plans on becoming an Advanced Practice Nurse in the ER. Even with her busy schedule, Jaida has come back to SJS and worked in our seasonal camps during her breaks from school. Jaida shared, "I wanted to return to SJS because I love working with the kids and being a positive leader and an inspiration to the kids that I've seen grow up." We are truly blessed to have Jaida as part of the SJS family!

Developing Youth

Adding More STEM Tools

St. Joseph Services created a STEM Club for students in our After School Program in Humboldt Park earlier this school year and the participation has been incredible. The club used a LEGO **Mindstorm**, a motorized vehicle that can be controlled from a computer, to introduce students to the technology and engineering requirements needed to build vehicles. Amazingly, every student in the After School Program used the vehicle and many expressed wanting access to more STEM tools.



Based on this enthusiasm, SJS decided to create a full-time STEM Lab. We were able to purchase three new STEM educational items due to the generosity of several donors. These new robotic LEGO kits will now help SJS provide STEM lessons designed for students in all age groups. The LEGO **WeDo** set is for kindergarten through second graders and introduces students to building techniques and teaches basic robotic mobility. The LEGO **SPIKE** set is for third and fourth graders and teaches more building methods and introduces the use of programming to control movement. The LEGO **Core** set is for fifth through eighth graders and enables users to send movement programming to the robots through a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

We are very excited to have the ability to teach our students about STEM practices. It is so important to build up the interest of youth in science, technology, engineering, and math to show them there is a future in these fields. Our STEM tools are helping students see what they can create and shows them the fun side of science. More and more local organizations are offering access to STEM materials, and SJS is glad to be part of this growing trend.

Educating Adults

Saluting an Inspiring Student

Maria is a devoted SJS Computer Literacy student having taken classes for four years. She is 66 years old and is one of the hardest working students in the class. Maria is a native of Columbia and came to Chicago 45 years ago.

Maria is a very determined and active student. She started the SJS Computer Literacy Program with limited knowledge of computers. Maria has advanced from the Basic class to the Level 4 class and can now use e-mail and create, edit, and save documents. Despite having trouble at times using the mouse and typing due to some physical limitations, Maria does impressive work in the classroom and is always eager to learn more.

She is a true inspiration to her classmates and SJS!



Transforming Lives

CMI is Under Way!

The Community Mentoring Internship (CMI) Program has kicked off and SJS was elated to see every available slot in the class filled. This piece of the PAID Program includes students from longtime SJS collaborator Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart. Students range from 9th-12th graders and will receive lessons on life and work skills. These students will also have work hours designed to provide an introduction to different career opportunities. The goal of programming is to provide both an educational element of skills required to be successful, while also giving hands-on experience in working with children, adult education, or non-profit management.



The CMI Program will serve as a first step into the world of employment for these students. It will be a great opportunity to learn important practices such as dressing professionally, professional writing, goal setting, and handling conflict. SJS is looking forward to working with the wonderful students of Josephinum Academy and helping them progress towards a successful future. We hope the students learn a lot and enjoy the class!

Community Events

This spring, St. Joseph Services hosted its 6th annual Family Night at the Monsignor Thiele Center, our Humboldt Park program site, and Night of the Arts at St. Angela School in Austin. More than 700 attendees enjoyed an evening with delicious food, fun games, and entertainment. These events showcased SJS programming to our guests and illustrated how we follow our vision of transforming lives to transform communities.

Family Night



Night of the Arts



Fundraising Events

St. Joseph Services was able to combine fun competitiveness with fundraising for our guests at this year's two Team Trivia Nights and the R1 RCM Golf Outing. Thanks to the hard work and collaboration of staff and volunteers, SJS was able to raise money for program support while our guests had fun playing for prizes and bragging rights.

Team Trivia Nights



R1 RCM Golf Outing





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Save the Date!

15th Annual Fall Festival: **TAILGATE STYLE**



Saturday, November 9th, 2019
at Bredemann Lexus and Ford in Glenview
 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Join us for our 15th year as we add a new twist to Fall Festival: Tailgate Style! Come cheer on your favorite regional College Football teams, compete in a game of bags, vie for the chance to win raffle prizes, enjoy some great food, drinks, and conversation with new and old friends, and so much more!

We're excited to see you there!!!

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