

Support from the Daughters Promoting Growth



St. Joseph Services is truly blessed by the Daughters of Charity! Their guidance and backing of our commitment to grow as an organization have made so many things possible for SJS, our staff, and those we serve. I am excited to share several of these highlights with you.

This fiscal year marked another expansion of the SJS Professional Advancement Internship Development (PAID) Program, which is funded primarily through Mission and Ministry Inc., a ministry of the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louis. This new component, known as the Community Mentoring Apprenticeship Program, is designed to provide participants with more certainty about their interest in, aptitude for, and access to careers that interest them.

SJS was thrilled by an extra Christmas treat when the Daughters announced they would be increasing their financial support in order to help us promote five hard-working part-time employees to full-time roles. This enables SJS to benefit from their many talents, while providing them with a career-building opportunity. The pace of our progress as an organization has picked up significantly!

And last, but certainly not least, the Daughters of Charity have once again missioned to us one of their own as an SJS staff member. We are so grateful for this vote of confidence from the Daughters with the addition of Sister Joanne Vasa, D.C. We happily welcome Sister Joanne to the SJS family!

We are grateful for the Daughters' commitment to Chicago and especially to St. Joseph Services. They provide the inspiration that allows our work to transcend from service to transformation. Thank ***you*** for joining us in this very special endeavor.

Fondly, *Heather*

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Daughter of Charity Leading SJS Mission

Sister Joanne Vasa, D.C., joined the SJS family in November 2017 as the new Director of Mission Integration. Sister Joanne has been a Daughter of Charity for 43 years and has provided service to the poor throughout the country in places such as St. Louis, Kansas City, and Austin. She has a background in education and experience in spiritual direction and formation. Originally from Nebraska, Sister Joanne continues to connect with her "farm girl roots", and she remains a huge University of Nebraska Cornhuskers football fan.

Sister Joanne has been a tremendous addition to our staff. Her passion for service and sharing the history of the Daughters of Charity has been truly inspirational. She commented, "I have a passion for sharing the stories of our founders, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. My role as the Director of Mission Integration gives me the opportunity to connect their stories with the experiences of our employees and volunteers, and to offer ways to deepen and enhance this connection." Her role will also include educating new employees and volunteers about the SJS mission, vision, and values, leading the Staff Mission Committee, and planning reflections.



SJS looks forward to Sister Joanne's insight and knowledge as we continue to move forward with our mission.

Developing Youth



Classroom Excellence

Raul is an eighth grade student in the Humboldt Park After School Program. He has participated in the program's tutoring for three years and his hard work really shows. Raul's tutors and youth instructors have been amazed with the incredible turnaround he has made in such a short time. He steadily improved his grades in all subjects and became more enthusiastic about school. Raul noted, "In tutoring, the instructors had me read a lot of books and showed me how to figure out new vocabulary. Without tutoring, you don't know how much your learning could increase. It's like a new teacher." Raul continues to make the honor roll, and he was even recently disappointed after receiving all A's except for one B!

Raul is also a member of the After School Program leadership group. "I like leadership because it teaches me what's going on in the real world: problems that are going on and what we can do to solve it." Raul regularly takes the time to help younger students with their homework. His great work ethic and friendly attitude makes Raul a stand-out student in the After School Program.

Educating Adults



Combination Classes Building Community

Last year the SJS Spanish class and an English as a Second Language (ESL) class decided to periodically combine and form the Spanish/ESL Combination class. During these classes, each Spanish student is paired with an ESL student for "language conversational" instruction where students take turns interviewing and sharing stories with their partners. The SJS Spanish/ESL Combination class is the brainchild of Adult Education Program Manager Jennifer Ceisel and longtime ESL volunteer tutor Lisa LoVallo.

Lisa created the Spanish class seven years ago for ESL tutors interested in learning Spanish. The class is now approaching its 300th session and continues to serve ESL tutors. Originally, combining the Spanish and ESL class was intended to be a one-time occurrence. Everyone enjoyed it so much, it now meets throughout the year. Lisa observed, "This class provides our ESL students an opportunity to shine. Students that are normally shy become more confident and outspoken when given the opportunity to share their native language and showcase their teaching skills." The Spanish/ESL class creates a wonderful atmosphere of inclusion and community!

Transforming Lives

Community Mentoring Apprenticeship Program Off and Running



The SJS Community Mentoring Apprenticeship (CMA) Program was officially launched in October 2017. This component of the SJS Professional Advancement Internship Development (PAID) Program consists of collaborations with skilled professionals to expose participants to a variety of trades. The primary focus of the program is career-driven workforce development. Apprentices learn from and work alongside professionals, learning about the skills and dedication required for success, as well as building relationships with individuals who have valuable networks to share. The intention is to help them see the options available, gain practice in multiple areas, and attain skills to help them pursue the career of their choice.

The first CMA project was a union Painters Pre-Apprenticeship Program. This entailed prepping rooms to be painted, sanding walls, washing and rinsing gloss off the walls, patching holes, painting, and clean-up. Half of the individuals who completed this project made plans to apply to the Chicago painters' union. The Apprentices have also participated in modules including barbering, cosmetology, computer troubleshooting, manufacturing, and welding. Next they will cover urban planning, real estate, and architecture.

Mid-Year Accomplishments



Computer Literacy classes increased enrollment from **60 to 90** students by adding **2 classes**



10 students in our Citizenship classes have passed their exams and are now **U.S. citizens**



Spring Camps concluded in early April and provided **academic, social, and creative** activities for youth

6 SJS employees have been **promoted** from part-time to full-time and **3** former PAID Interns were hired as **Youth Instructors**

SJS received grant funding from **4 new foundations** and now receives funding from the City of Chicago's **Department of Family and Support Services** (DFSS) for the After School Program at **both** Austin and Humboldt Park

SJS's **website** was relaunched in a more contemporary format and now includes a **fully Spanish version**



MLK Day of Service

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, SJS staff members served with City Year Chicago at Gale Community Academy. We joined hundreds of volunteers to help transform the school into a bright and positive place for students and teachers. Our staff members spent the day painting walls of the lunchroom and teachers' lounge and constructing games for the students.

Youth Instructor Spotlight

Sabeel has been a tutor in the SJS After School Program since November 2016. He has also recently created the Karaoke Club. Sabeel is an excellent tutor and beloved by his coworkers. He shared, "My favorite part of SJS is the level of respect and compassion the staff has towards each other." He recently graduated from Northeastern University with a degree in English. Congrats Sabeel!





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Register Now!

Trivia Night in Hinsdale

? Saturday, April 28, 2018
 The Community House ?
 415 W. Eighth St.
 Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm
 Register online at:
 ? www.stjosephservices.org

Trivia Night in Chicago ?

? Saturday, May 5, 2018
 Monsignor Thiele Center
 1510 N. Claremont Ave.
 Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7:00pm
 Register online at:
www.stjosephservices.org ?



Question categories include: Olympics, Entertainment, History...and more!!
 You will have the chance to win prizes by purchasing tickets for our Split the Pot Raffle!
 Check out our Facebook page before the event for a hint to one of the questions



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