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Promoting the Abilities of Individuals Seeking Employment and Greater Participation in Community Life

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Success Story

Meet Timothy Archer, Job Point Award of Excellence Winner: Tim knows his way around an HVAC system. He helps make sure families stay cozy in their homes no matter what Mother Nature has planned outside. But Archer's life hasn't always been a comfortable 70 degrees. He said, "I was living paycheck to paycheck. Work was kind of hit or miss." He grew up in the small town of Crocker, MO, population about 1,000, and after 38 years, he set his sights on something bigger. He explained, "I had decided that I needed a career, something more consistent." That's when he met Rebecca Helm. She said, "The first time he came to Voc. Rehab he had nothing. Like he came with the shirt on his back. You could tell that he had the drive to make the changes that he needed to in his life for success." She connected Archer with Job Point and he took the lead. Archer left his hometown, made the 90 minute drive north, and lived in a hotel to take part in Job Point's HVAC program. Tania Cook, Skills Training Coordinator, said, "It was a four-month long program and it was a full time day class. He was here in classes from 8:00 until 4:30 each day. And as part of that program he was able to go out and do a 120-hour internship." That program lead him to Master Tech. Archer said, "Job Point did that for me. They helped me with the basics. They gave me the basics to where I wasn't on the job, not understanding the language at all. You know, that's huge." Cook expounded, "We absolutely help them get a marketable skill to help them get to employment as quickly as we can." He spent the next few months learning from the pros. His supervisor, Jerry Hall said, "Every day he was trying to learn something more. It wasn't like he was waiting for us to teach him. He was actually seeking out, 'What can I do to help you, and what can I do to learn today'." And it paid off with a full time position. Hall said, "He works hard every day. He is the first one to volunteer if somebody needs help." Archer said, "The sense of accomplishment is way more valuable than the money. You know, just laying down at night and knowing I've got somewhere to be the next morning." Archer's braved the cold seasons of life. He stated, "I never was proud of myself until all this happened. You know, I really didn't have anything to hang my hat on." And he's thankful for the warm up here to stay. "I never had a job that I woke up and couldn't wait to get to work," said Archer. *Story by Emily Spain, KOMU.*



We welcome our newest team members: John Corpening and John Gee, Drivers; Matt Horn, Employment Consultant; and Kim Leon, Advisor;

We graciously thank our spring and summer service learning students, interns and volunteers: Joel Boudreaux, Madeline Beshoner, Natalie Carter, Samantha Christensen, Jacob Dulany, Matt Horn, Tyler Krantz, Roger Morrison and Andrea Williams. Volunteers tutor YouthBuild students, help job seekers in the career lab, serve as teacher assistants, support marketing and special events, and perform data migration and other clerical tasks.



Mark your calendar for our 3rd annual Company Feud event on October 3rd. Team sponsorships are still available for this highly entertaining event. Reserve your spot today. Contact Erica Pefferman at erica@businesstimescompany.com.

Thank You “Freddie D” for 30 Years of Comedy!

Our 30th anniversary Comedy Night fundraiser was held at Stoney Creek Hotel on April 18th, benefiting Job Point and Assistance League® of Mid-Missouri with nearly \$60,000 raised. Local comedians set the stage: **Dr. John Adams** of Columbia Surgical Associates; **Eric Blumberg**, Veterans United Home Loans; **Mary Carnahan**; **Hal Gibbs**, Gibbs Pool & Turner, PC; **Bob Pugh**; and **Doug Pugh**; Eng & Woods. Surprise guests **Chris Gervino**, **Howard Richards** and professional comedian Greg Warren “roasted” Fred DeMarco in honor of hosting this event for 30 years. Professionals comedians Joe Marlotti and John Morgan brought down the house. We extend our deep gratitude to presenting sponsor Drawing Automotive, all of our event sponsors, table sponsors, patrons, amazing and fearless comedians and THE Fabulous “Freddie D”!



Eric Blumberg Mary Carnahan Fred DeMarco John Adams Doug and Bob Pugh Hal Gibbs Chris Gervino Howard Richards

Summer Graduation

A record number of graduates celebrated with a packed house at Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church on June 14th. Fifteen YouthBuild, nine Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, five Highway/Heavy Construction, three Intermediate Construction Trades, twenty-three Certified Nursing Assistant and four Office Technology participants were honored for their outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations to all our graduates, including those who were unable to attend the ceremony because they were WORKING!



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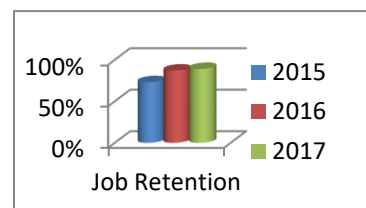
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Fifty percent tax credits are only available from Job Point and the Missouri Department of Economic Development for a few more days! A \$5,000 donation could provide internship wages for five Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning students. In addition, that same gift would result in \$2,500 off the bottom line of your Missouri tax return. In all, your \$5,000 donation may only have a net cost to you of \$800 or possibly just \$450, depending on your tax bracket. Please consult your tax advisor for details and become part of the solution for our community. Call 573/777-1506 for more information. Contributions must be received by June 30, 2018.

2017 Outcomes

We proudly announce our outcomes for fiscal year ending 2017. Job Point served 423 individuals. The average hourly starting wage was \$10.85, and 89% of adults entering employment maintained their job for at least 90 days. We are delighted with a 98% customer satisfaction rating. Each of these measures saw an increase from the prior year.



Missouri River Clean Up

In partnership between Job Point’s YouthBuild/AmeriCorps programs and Missouri River Relief, a clean-up project was held Wednesday, May 23rd. The event kicked off with guest speaker, Boone County Commissioner Dan Atwill. YouthBuild/AmeriCorps students from Columbia’s Job Point program and St. Louis and Kansas City projects benefited from ecological seminars and hands-on learning. Participants also boarded the river for the purpose of removing debris and learning more about the waterway through firsthand experience.

Upcoming Job Point Programs

Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning – July 16; **Certified Nursing Assistant** – August 14; **Highway/Heavy Construction, Intermediate Construction Trades** and **Office Technology** – open entry. **Job Works** – July 9-13, July 23-27, Aug 6-10, Aug 20-24, Sept 4-7, Sept 17-21. Scholarships may be available. Contact Tania Cook at 573-777-1524.

Job Point fulfills its mission through the support of Missouri businesses. We acknowledge our new or renewed employer partnerships in our service areas: **CENTRAL:** Atkins Inc, Buffalo Wild Wings, Columbia Post Acute, Compass Health, Crossmark, Dependable Services, Division D, Green Meadows Preschool, Isle of Capri, MBS Textbook Exchange, Parkside Manor, Peters Heating & Air Conditioning, Sophia’s, Super 8, Tempus Transport, University of Missouri and Woodhaven. **NORTH:** Casey’s General Store (Moberly), Driveline Retail Merchandising, Lowe’s and Walmart

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Since 1965, we have been linking people and jobs by providing career planning and job placement assistance. We specialize in preparing individuals to enter the workforce while meeting a critical need of the business community.*

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