



# Newsbrief

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

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## Success Story



**Matt Henson** was referred to Job Point by Starla Starke. In past roles, Matt had demonstrated that he was employable and could maintain a job for an extended period of time. When he came to Job Point in January for help, he was ready to begin the next chapter of his career. His marketable characteristics—being easy-going, punctual and a team player—made it easy for the Director of Rehabilitation Services, John Scalise, to find roles that fit. Matt is working to shore up any weaknesses by completing his High School Equivalency Tests (HiSET). In the job hunt, Matt was interested in roles involving laundry, housekeeping, custodial work and food service.

Matt worked hard to get a job. After completing an employment trial in February, he was offered a Laundry Attendant position at Motel 6. Duties include washing and drying linens, maintaining inventory, and cleaning the laundry room. Matt has since been employed there after a brief gap due to COVID-19. His supervisors found him to be a dedicated worker willing to take shifts on a moment's notice. Matt is considered a trusted and valued employee. When not working, Matt enjoys watching movies, hanging out with friends, and bowling. Job Point commends Matt on his accomplishments.

## COVID-19 Update

Within a single week in March, over half of our clients employed this year were laid off or furloughed. They turned to Job Point for help once again. We are proud to say that our staff answered the call, implementing new technology and processes to safely continue serving our clients. After pausing in-person services for a couple of months, we regrouped and began limited on-site services once again, taking a variety of safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Many staff are working remotely, while others come into the office periodically to limit the amount of people in the office at any given time. Staff, clients and visitors entering the building receive temperature checks and provide contact history each day. Meetings with staff members and clients are primarily conducted through video conferencing. Masks are worn throughout the building unless staff are alone in their private offices. We commend staff for taking these precautions seriously and working hard to continue serving clients.



**We welcome** our newest team members: Ryan Pride, Intake/Data Office Manager; and welcome back Kim Leon, Advisor; and Justin Gipson, HHC Instructor.

**Cancelled** In light of Covid-19, Company Feud has been cancelled this year. We look forward to hosting our final Company Feud event in 2021.

**We thank** Emery Sapp & Sons Foundation for their generous donation.

## *Job Point Nominated for Multiple Awards*

We are proud to announce that Job Point and staff have been nominated for several awards recently. On August 21, Brenda Overkamp, Vice President, received New Chapter Coaching, LLC's Make it Happen Award. This award recognizes exceptional staffers in the non-profit sector. If that wasn't enough, Job Point has also been selected as one of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year Finalists. An event with Covid-reduced attendance will be hosted at Job Point on October 7 celebrating this nomination. We also have two nominations through COMO Magazine's Impact COMO award competition. Impact COMO seeks to highlight exceptional non-profits. Job Point Education Instructor, Thom Lutz, was selected as a finalist for the Staff Member category. Our Company Feud event is a finalist in the Fundraising Event category. We are proud of our staff for their hard work in serving clients and are honored by the community's recognition of these efforts.

## *Upcoming Job Point Programs*

Starting dates for our programs include: **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**—TBA; **Certified Nursing Assistant**—October 6 (full); **Highway/Heavy Construction**—October 19 (full), **Intermediate Construction Trades Program (ICTP)** and **Office Technology**—open enrollment; **Job Works**—October 5 (tentative). TABE testing by appointment only.

**Job Point** fulfills its mission through the support of Missouri businesses. We acknowledge new and renewed employer partnerships: Boonville School District, C&R Market, Columbia Manor, Comfort Crew, D.S.V. Air & Sea, Inc, Dependable Services, Dr. John Seaburg, EPC, Fastlane, McAllister's, Pinnacle Projects, Starr Heating & Cooling, Steak N Shake (Jefferson City) and Walmart (Moberly).

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