



# Newsbrief

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

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## **Success Story**



**Donna Elgin** was referred to Job Point West by Amanda Jack of Vocational Rehabilitation for employment assistance after a lay-off. Before Donna was able to begin services, she experienced a heart attack. Donna worked hard in recovery and despite concerns regarding her stamina, she was determined to work at least part time. Most recently Donna worked as a medical receptionist for a local doctor. Prior to that, she had spent over 20 years working with adults with developmental disabilities, both in a group home, and as a supervisor in a sheltered workshop. She stated a wish to return to that field. Tammy Thomas, Donna's Job Point Advisor, introduced her to Missouri Mentor, and it was an instant win-win. Donna has been working as an independent contractor for them since June, providing

respite care for host families. Donna says she loves her job, "I never believed there was a job as great as this! I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with my consumers." We are betting the families of the people Donna serves feel the same. Job Point congratulates Donna on her outstanding vocational accomplishments!

**We welcome** our newest team members: Cindy Gardner, Liz Huber and Eric Lorenz, all Employment Consultants.  
**We graciously thank** Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation for their very generous contribution toward the purchase of a company vehicle, and Inside the Lines for an unprecedented donation of office furniture. What extraordinary gifts this holiday season!  
**Save the date** for our Annual Awards Banquet, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm, and our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Comedy Night, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Stoney Creek Hotel. Make your reservations today for either or both, by calling 573-777-1506 or email [brendao@jobpoint.org](mailto:brendao@jobpoint.org).

## **Gary J. Taylor Memorial Fund**

Please join us as we honor our dearly departed, Gary Taylor, who passed away unexpectedly last December. For 16 years, Gary was a dedicated Job Point staff member, with an unmatched passion for serving young adults. Gary built Job Point's world class YouthBuild program. Please consider making a gift to the [Gary J. Taylor Memorial Fund](#) in support of



youth seeking to better themselves and further their education.

Thank you! 

### CoMoGives!

The Columbia community has been very generous to date in giving to the CoMoGives online campaign. Job Point is participating this year again. Our goal is \$10,000, which will cover the entire tuition, books, supplies, and internship wages for a Trades student. We ask all of our supporters to consider a gift. Even \$10.00 will make a difference. For those who have already donated, we warmly thank you. Ask you friends and family to make a gift in your honor rather than buying you one more candle or pair of socks.

[Make a contribution.](#)

### Winter Graduation

On December 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the achievements of graduates who completed a Job Point program during the past six months. Seven students completed the Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning program, ten from Highway/Heavy Construction, twenty-two from Certified Nursing Assistant, one from Intermediate Construction Trades and, ten from YouthBuild. We congratulate those who were in attendance and all other recent graduates who were not able to join us because they were WORKING!



### “Survey Says”

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Company Feud event, presented by Joe Machens Dealerships was a great success. After losing in the first round Emery Sapp & Sons bought their way back into the competition, and rallied to win the whole shebang. Don’t miss this fabulously fun event in 2018. Mark your calendar for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and reserve your spot today (email [erica@businesstimescompany.com](mailto:erica@businesstimescompany.com)). Our congratulations to Emery Sapp & Sons’ team, pictured left to right: James Price, Chip Jones, Sara Snodderly, Brian Burks and Doug Whitworth. Bragging rights are up for grabs!

### Holiday Gifts for All

Job Point was happy to make sure each child of the adults we serve have at least one present to open this season. We warmly thank the DOLLS, a women’s social group, for their generous philanthropy, which helped make these gifts possible. YouthBuild students worked tirelessly wrapping toys for the little ones.



### Plan NOW to Pay Less in Taxes for 2017

#### \$5,000 Donation Example

MO State Tax Credit	\$2,500
Federal tax savings	+1,400
MO tax savings	+ 300
<b>Total tax savings</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>
Donation	\$5,000
<u>Tax Savings</u>	<u>-4,200</u>
<b>Net cost to you</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>

Fifty percent tax credits are available from the Missouri Department of Economic Development in exchange for contributions made to Job Point’s skills training programs. A \$5,000 donation would provide 1-1/2 scholarships for students to access Certified Nursing Assistant training, adding compassionate, qualified workers to this high-demand profession. In addition, your 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. Businesses and individuals with business income qualify for this lucrative program. Please consult your tax advisor for details and

become part of the solution for our community. Be sure to get your gift to us by December 31<sup>st</sup> for this tax year! You can [make a gift online](#), mail a check, or transfer stocks through our investment account at Landmark Bank.

### New Collaboration with Columbia Public Schools

CPS and Job Point’s YouthBuild program are teaming up to offer alternative education programs for our community’s teens who struggle with the traditional school setting. Eligible students ages 17-24 will now be able to receive credit toward a high school diploma while enrolled in Job Point’s YouthBuild program. Students may also concurrently earn higher education scholarship funds through AmeriCorps. Participants will earn wages for hours worked on Job Point construction sites and be paid for hours spent in the classroom through the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act’s Scholars at Work program. For more information, contact Jerrell Morton at 573-777-1552.

## Upcoming Classes

**Heating Ventilation & Air Conditioning** – January 16; **Certified Nursing Assistant** – January 29; **Highway/Heavy Construction, Intermediate Construction Trades and Office Technology** – open entry. **Job Works** – January 2, January 16, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19. 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:** ACT, Adamson Construction, All Season Heating & Cooling, Arris' Pizza, Bright Star, Capital Paving & Construction, Cheddars, City of Columbia, Coley's American Bistro, Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital, HVAC Plus, Hy-Vee, Mill Creek Village, The Neighborhoods, Reed Heating & Air Conditioning, Starbucks, University of Missouri Health Care, Volt Workforce Solutions/Battenfeld and 3M, and Walmart (Conley & Grindstone). **NORTH:** Dominos, Kelly Services/Cardinal Health, North Park Village Care Center, and Vest Fiber. **WEST:** ConAgra, Golden Corral, Life Enhancement Village, McDonald's (Marshall), Walmart (Marshall), and Tyson.

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Norm and Connie Ruebling, in Memory of Gary J. Taylor

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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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