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

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Success Story

James White cares about customer service and can be found working hard in the hallways and rooms of Super 8 in Boonville. He enjoys the autonomy and freedom his job provides, but it wasn't always this way for James. Doors have been opened for James due to his persistence and a candid and logical approach to dealing with his illness. James originally came to Job Point through referral from Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and expressed how important having a job was to him. Unsatisfied at his previous employment in a sheltered work environment, James exhibited behavioral challenges, characterized by occasional vocal outbursts. Job Point assisted James in finding the best job match possible. After several job trials, interviews and applications, he was hired at Super 8. Displaying a feat of emotional strength and determination to succeed, James made it through a tough first day, as his mother had passed away the previous night. After a two-week grace period following his loss, James began working at Super 8 in August of 2017, and has continued there ever since. James worked alongside one of our certified job coaches, until he was able to perform his duties independently. He has not missed a shift, picks up other's shifts and is understanding when sent home early due to high levels of vacancy, which occur during certain times of the year. His supervisor said, "James is an amazing individual. He makes me happy to be here, and is always happy to help anyone out. He is my best employee." When asked about his progress and satisfaction, James explained, "Super 8 helped me tremendously. They are great people, and I like working with them." He is a great example of the difference we make and we are so happy to have helped him find a place where he can succeed! We commend James on his self-motivation, willingness to try new things and outstanding work ethic in the face of adversity. For his extraordinary accomplishments James has been nominated for Job Point's 2018 Award of Excellence.



We welcome our newest team member: Justin Anthony, Construction Instructor.

We congratulate Ranjana Hans on her promotion to Placement Specialist.

We graciously thank Missouri Employers Mutual and Shelter Insurance Companies for their generous pledge toward the purchase of our building, and Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club for their pledge to help with an enhanced security system.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Awards Banquet on February 27th, 2019; Comedy Night on April 17th; and Company Feud on September 12th. Make your reservations today for any or all events, by calling 573-777-1506 or by emailing brendao@jobpoint.org.





Company Feud 2018

Our 3rd Annual Company Feud, presented by Joe Machens Dealerships, was a rousing success. Backed by companies across Columbia, we enjoyed a night of laughter, competition and charity on October 3rd which was as humbling as it was fun. We even had several teams buy back in after losing in the first round to take another crack at victory, but ultimately Joe Machens Dealerships reclaimed the trophy! Over \$30,000 was raised for Job Point, and we are eternally grateful to all sponsors, donors and guests.



CoMoGives!

This year Job Point is once again participating in the CoMoGives fundraising campaign! We have been a part of this amazing opportunity for six years now and are proud to continue in 2018. The campaign opened on Giving Tuesday (November 27th, 2018) and will continue until the end of the calendar year. The goal is to expose our mission and values to new crowds and individuals, harnessing the power of social media to attract potential donors and stakeholders of all types. Our financial goal is to raise \$10,000: full funding for a Trades student. For those who have already given, we warmly thank you for your support and generosity. Every donation can add up to a substantial impact! Be sure to check out the promotional [video](#) our Marketing Intern Mitch Schiller made for CoMoGives this year! [Click here to give.](#)

Thank you! ❤️

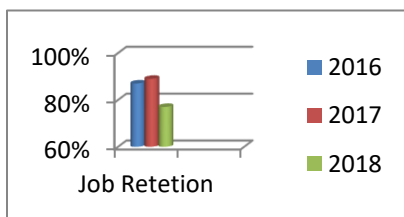


Gary J. Taylor Memorial Fund

Please join us as we honor our dearly departed, Gary Taylor, who passed away unexpectedly in December two years ago. 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.

Winter Graduation

On December 13th, we gathered to celebrate the achievements of 31 graduates who completed a Job Point program within the last six months. We saluted Salim Sanders who was recognized with the YouthBuild Golden Hammer Award. This acknowledgement was established to honor a student who has successfully completed all phases of programing: obtaining a High School equivalency diploma, a credential through National Center for Construction Education and Research, OSHA-10 and First Aid/CPR certificates, 450 hours of service to attain the scholarship offered by AmeriCorps, increased academic scores by two grade levels, and successful placement in one of four DOL approved outcomes. We congratulate Mr. Sanders and all graduates, those present and those unable to attend because they were working!



2018 Outcomes

We proudly announce our outcomes for the fiscal year ending 2018. Job Point served 428 persons. The average hourly starting wage was \$10.77, and 77% of adults entering employment maintained their job for at least 90 days. Lastly, we are delighted with a 97% customer satisfaction rating. Additional data is available upon request.

A Pile of Presents

We thank the Columbia Walmart stores for their generous donations, helping ensure every child of the adults served by Job Point will receive at least one gift this holiday season. Kudos to Judy Schermer, Job Point Employment Consultant, who coordinated this project and personally hand-picked a gift for each youngster, matching their age group and interest areas.



Upcoming Job Point Programs

Starting dates for our programs include: **Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning** – January 22; and **Certified Nursing Assistant** – January 29. **Highway/Heavy Construction, Intermediate Construction**

Trades Program (ITCP) and Office Technology – open entry. **Job Works** – January 7, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15. 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, The Bluffs, Broadway Diner, Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, City of Columbia, Coegi, Crossmark, Dillard’s, Hubbell, Keystone, Midway USA, Mod Pizza, Nourish Café, Parkside Manor, Peter’s Heating & Air Conditioning, Sam’s Club, Pickleman’s, Student Transportation of America, Tephseal, Tradesman International, University of Missouri-Secretarial Office Support, Walmart-Grindstone, Wendy’s and Wester Express. **WEST:** Black & Decker-Sedalia, Derailed Café, Jani-King, Super 8-Boonville, Walmart-Boonville and Walmart-Sedalia. **NORTH:** Goodwill and Jackson Brothers.

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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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The Staff and Board of Directors Wish You Peace, Promise & Prosperity in the New Year!