



## Youth Job Center

Getting a job. Launching a future.

# *The importance of experiencing success*

### **From the Executive Director:**

Last month, YJC held a Fall Job Fair at the Levy Center. This is one of my favorite events to attend. At a previous job fair, I met a young man, Aaron. He was struggling with filling out the application, and I sat down with him to work through it. He was polite, respectful and soft spoken, but he didn't make much eye contact and his communication and reading abilities were limited.

After he became engaged with YJC, I learned that he hadn't been in school formally since the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. YJC provided support and got him placed in a job within a few months.

Fast forward about a year to our most recent Job Fair. Aaron attended to explore interviews for a 2<sup>nd</sup> job. Like many others, Aaron is trying to get ahead by piecing together part-time jobs. But the most noticeable difference to me was his strong handshake, firm voice, eye contact, and confidence.

The power of a job is amazing. The power of finding things we can succeed in changes everything. Aaron isn't there yet, but he's on the right path. And he's there because of your help and the help of all YJC supporters.

**The most exciting thing about working with young people is when they more fully recognize their own power, when they believe in their ability to grow and succeed.**

Most people care about being productive in our society. Most people want to be successful. And most people need help at some point in their lives. **At YJC, we are committed to helping every individual we can. We will continue to improve services and serve more young people. They count on us every day, and we are honored to be in this important role.**

Last week we learned there is much that can divide us. But there's also a great deal that can bring us together. Together we can develop a society in which every person has the opportunity and support to be successful. And through that, we all win.

Sincerely,



Karen Tollenaar Demorest  
Executive Director

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## ***A Quick Look at the Numbers:***

October Out of School highlights:

- **901 total services** for **196 participants**, including:
  - Training session attendance
  - Supportive services
  - Intake, application process
  - Job placement/advising
  - Retention contact
- **27 new participants**
- **55 participants** were active in attending training sessions (classroom and one-on-one curriculum delivery, including Summer Institute and WILL programs)
- **59 participants** placed in employment

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***Choose YJC on Giving Tuesday***  
*Any new or increased donation made that day will be matched dollar-for-dollar by an anonymous foundation!*

**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

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**November 29, 2016**

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## ***Fall Job Fair***

151 participants and 15 employers attended our 2016 Fall Job Fair this month.

The job fair featured an "application station," where participants could apply for jobs on the spot, and our Out of School Youth team had open hours for clients afterwards.



See more pictures from the job fair [here](#).

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## *ETHS Hiring Events*



Our satellite office at Evanston Township High School coordinated five hiring events this month with:

- Trader Joe's
- Mather Lifeways
- Chipotle
- Walmart
- Cinemark

17 students from ETHE have been hired so far this school year.

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## *Welcome!*

*Wells Academy Career*

## ***Advisor***

Charity Freeman joined the High School Program team this month. Charity will work out of Wells Academy at our fourth and newest satellite location. Welcome, Charity!

[Learn more about Charity...](#)



## ***WIOA Career Advisor***

Meet Monique Crumpler, our new WIOA Career Advisor! Before coming to YJC, Monique worked at Goodwill Workforce Connection Center. Welcome!

[Learn more about Monique...](#)

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## ***YJC in the News***

From *Evanston Families*: [Youth Job Center Fall Job Fair](#)

From *North Star News*: [Fall Job Fair: The sunny days end, the money days begin](#)

From *Evanston Now*: [Recap: City Council](#)

From *Evanston Now*: [Recap: Administration and Public Works Committee](#)

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ETHS, one of YJC's valued partners, is among schools across the country receiving national coverage from CNN this past week. The following article by CNN digital correspondent Kelly Wallace went live today, November 16, and was shared on the ETHS Twitter and Facebook pages:

**"Schools on the front lines heal their wounds post-election"**

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/11/16/health/schools-post-election-unique->

[approaches-healing-wounds/index.html](#)

A similar story was written by the Chicago Tribune:

***"Why Evanston superintendent's post-election morning announcement went viral"***

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/stevens/ct-evanston-superintendent-morning-announcement-balancing-1114-20161114-column.html>

To date, Dr. Witherspoon's "All Are Welcome Here" meme with a link to the full message of hope and belonging has reached 108,842 people on the ETHS Facebook page, has 110 likes and 76 retweets via Twitter, and has 247 likes on Instagram.

