

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9



St. Joseph Services has witnessed a great deal of “good” over the past six months. Our summer camps ran smoothly, offering 135 students a safe, happy, and enriching summer experience. Our adult programming classes are full with waitlists of hopeful participants. The SJS 2018 Fall Festival was a spectacular event that was refreshed with a new look and the addition of a participant testimony and a wine pull. These important successes cannot be accomplished without the good work of staff and volunteers who believe in the SJS mission and who never seem to weary in “doing good” to move our mission forward as we serve our communities.

Looking ahead, SJS is exploring the opportunity to address the violence that sadly plagues our communities. We hope to introduce restorative justice and peace circle activities into our program services. We will collaborate with existing programs in Austin and Humboldt Park to provide a safe place for conflict resolution and healing. Our “peace” initiatives will be good for our children and families.

St. Joseph Services has never “wearyed of doing good”, and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work of the Daughters of Charity who founded this mission and my predecessors, Sister Theresa Sullivan D.C., Lisa Sullivan, and Heather Sattler for establishing the foundation and developing the mission and operation of St. Joseph Services. I am standing on the shoulders of strong women leaders, and I promise to continue their important work with the same integrity they modeled.

Have a safe and blessed holiday season, *Ann Deuel*

New Roles and New Faces



(left-right) Ashley, Jamesha, Jackie, and Arnestina

This program year for SJS has brought some new employees and changes in positions for several current staff. In the Administrative Office, Joseph (not pictured) is the new Community Engagement Manager. He has been with SJS for five years and previously worked as a Youth Instructor and was the Austin Youth Program Assistant. In Austin, Ashley is a Youth Instructor. She is a former volunteer and worked the same position in Humboldt Park before switching sites this fall. Jamesha is the new Youth Program Assistant and she worked as a Youth Instructor the prior year. Jackie is the new Receptionist and joined SJS in September. Andre (not pictured) is a new Youth Instructor and was hired this fall. Arnestina is the new Austin Social Justice Advocate and she was a volunteer and a Youth Instructor for the last four years.

In Humboldt Park, Andy is the new Humboldt Park Youth Program Manager and started with SJS this past summer. Victoria is the new PAID Program Manager. She started with SJS two years ago as a Youth Instructor and has also worked as the Youth Program Assistant and Youth Program Manager. Eva is the new Humboldt Park Youth Program Assistant. She has been with SJS for two years and she also works as the Adult Program Assistant. Gabriella is a new Youth Instructor and joined SJS in October. Harry is the new Adult Education Coordinator and he was a volunteer instructor for English as a Second Language classes for the past year before joining SJS this fall. Gabriel is the new Humboldt Park Social Justice Advocate and joined SJS in October.



(left-right) Andy, Victoria, Eva, Gabriella, Harry, and Gabriel

St. Joseph Services is excited to see current staff take on different roles and to have new talented individuals in the SJS family!

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Developing Youth



Expanding Clubs, Expanding Minds

The SJS After School Program not only provides homework help for students, but also engaging enrichment time designed to help students develop various interests outside of school. This year, programming is expanding with the addition of new weekly clubs and activities. These are based on the talents of the Youth Instructors and volunteers. In Humboldt Park, activities have included reading and foreign language instruction. An ongoing favorite is the LEGO STEM club. This club utilizes a LEGO MINDSTORM, a motorized vehicle that can be controlled from a computer. Students work together to build vehicles and learn about the technology and engineering requirements along the way.

In Austin, several Youth Instructors are running clubs this semester. The Cooking Club is led by Arnestina and focuses on recipes and healthy alternatives while cooking. The Dance Club is taught by Andre and practices group dancing routines. The Night of the Arts Club is held by Valencia and is tasked with preparing various artwork created by students to be displayed at the annual event in May. Another great addition is the Drama Club run by volunteers from the DePaul University Theatre Team which will put on a play this year.

SJS has been so impressed. **Great job everyone!**

Educating Adults



Computer Literacy Experiences Amazing Growth

St. Joseph Services and the Adult Education Program started the new program year with great excitement as enrollment in Adult Computer Literacy classes saw incredible growth from 60 students last semester to now 90 students for the current fall semester. This amazing 50% increase in students was the result of great planning and hard work by SJS Computer Literacy Manager, Alex. When the waiting list to join classes grew to over 30 students last semester, Alex looked into what could be done to meet this demand. Alex reorganized the SJS computer lab to allow room for more computer stations and students. He was also able to offer extra classes each week, increasing the total capacity for students served.

St. Joseph Services is elated to now have the capacity to provide computer literacy instruction to more residents in the SJS community. Another benefit is the ability to serve our English as a Second Language students taking classes at Resurrection Parish in Avondale. Many students there expressed a desire to take computer classes, but there were no open seats. Now with the expansion Alex developed, these students were able to enroll and are attending classes in Humboldt Park this semester.

Thank you Alex for making this expansion a possibility!

Transforming Lives

Past and Current ESL Students Express Gratitude



St. Joseph Services was extremely touched when a former ESL and Computer Literacy student recently reached out to us. Carlos, now living in Veracruz, Mexico, sent SJS an e-mail expressing his appreciation for the instruction he received more than eight years ago. SJS Computer Literacy Manager, Alex, responded and told Carlos we are so grateful to have been part of his personal development and that he will always be part of the SJS family.

In a similar instance, at the recent Fall Festival, SJS was moved by the speech of current ESL student Rosa. Rosa has been taking ESL classes with SJS since 2014 and was part of the inaugural class of students taught at St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church in Glenview, Illinois. During her speech, Rosa talked about how

much she has enjoyed her time at SJS. She pointed out the ESL classes enabled her to practice English and she is so appreciative of the skills she has learned. Rosa is an incredible student and a huge help to SJS in Glenview.

SJS is very proud of these students and honored they have taken the time to share their accomplishments with us.

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14th Annual Fall Festival

Wonderful Gathering in Support of the SJS Vision

The Fall Festival was an extraordinary event. It was not only a chance to show our appreciation for everything R1 RCM Inc. has done for us, but also a night of SJS supporters enjoying food, socializing, and music while raising money for SJS programming. We are very fortunate for the support of the Daughters of Charity and so many invaluable individuals who provide time and resources to ensure the SJS mission continues to be carried out for those in need. **Thank you!**



St. Joseph Services Staff at Fall Festival



Employees of R1 RCM accepting the 2018 Lee McDonnell Transform a Life Award



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 Participate in "Giving Tuesday"
 November 27th through December 31st
 at www.stjosephservices.org.*

Save the Date!

Two chances to join us for fun and trivia!

Trivia Night

Hosted by the SJS Associate Board
Saturday, March 9th, 2019
Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart
1501 N Oakley Blvd, Chicago, IL 60622

Trivia Night

Saturday, April 6th, 2019
St. Aloysius Parish Monsignor Thiele Center
1510 N Claremont Ave, Chicago, IL 60622



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