SUCCESS
STARTS AT JVS

2016-2017 Impact Report
11,935 people found success with JVS

48 vehicles transport people with disabilities and seniors into the community to enjoy enriching vocational and recreational programs

4,000 followers are connected to JVS on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and YouTube

8 birds reside in our aviary to bring relaxation to our clients with dementia

125 tons of electronics were kept out of landfills by eCycle Opportunities
SUCCESS STARTS AT JVS

Every day at JVS, we have the joy of witnessing success, helping people with disabilities, job seekers and seniors achieve their dreams. From assisting hopeful young teenagers to excel at their first job to supporting older adults so they can age with dignity, our services help individuals succeed at all ages and stages of their lives. And it all starts at JVS.

**Success starts** in our lobby where you can find job seekers gathering for our group seminars. Initially individuals keep quietly to themselves, but as the weeks go by their growing confidence ignites chatter, energizing the room and boosting their heads higher with each passing week.

**Success starts** in our parking lot where dozens of people with disabilities eagerly board passenger vans headed to work or volunteer sites. Later, they return with big smiles and spirited stories filled with pride for doing a great job.

**Success starts** in our therapeutic garden where seniors gather to plant vegetables or pick flowers. These pastimes spark memories and stories, bringing comfort and familiarity to the moment.

**Success starts** with you...our donors, volunteers and community partners...whose support brings meaning to others and cohesiveness to our community. We owe you our deepest gratitude for the many ways you give of yourself, your time and your resources so that others may find success at JVS.

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**OUR MISSION**

JVS helps people meet life challenges affecting their self-sufficiency through counseling, training and support services in accordance with Jewish values of equal opportunity, compassion, responsibility and the steadfast belief that the best way to help people is to make it possible for them to help themselves.
Active Seniors
- Meaningful volunteer and social activities to keep seniors engaged in their community
- Memory exercises and resources to promote a healthy brain
- Opportunities to connect with peers and make new friends

Seniors with Mild Memory Concerns
- Useful memory tips and techniques to remember everyday items
- Exercise and socialization for physical and mental stimulation

Seniors with Dementia
- Safe and nurturing day programs at JVS and Jewish Senior Life where individuals feel respected
- Music, art, yoga, gardening and other stimulating activities to help participants socialize, thrive and live healthier lives
- Respite, support groups and community referrals to aid family caregivers

“Manny comes to the Brown Center one day a week. Knowing that he’s clean, fed, given all kinds of attention, loved and safe, that’s from the heart, that’s pure kindness.”

– Manny’s Cousin Vicki

1,790 seniors across the agency participated in services to remain active

663 senior adults participated in our day programs to remain involved in their community, feel valued and age in familiar surroundings
- Person-centered planning and ongoing support to help individuals determine their own goals and accomplish their dreams
- Innovative programs to help high school students successfully transition to work, technical training programs or higher education after graduation
- Summer jobs for youth
- Interactive job shadowing and internship opportunities to assist individuals in determining their work abilities and interests
- Supportive employment programs to help job seekers successfully find and maintain a meaningful job
- Stimulating community-based volunteer work, recreational activities and exercise classes to help individuals explore their interests and social opportunities
- Compassionate adult day programs to provide stimulating activities for individuals who are also experiencing memory problems
- Referrals to volunteer dentists for individuals who need emergency dental care but lack dental insurance

SUCCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

"I love working in the garden. It’s one of my favorite things to do. It’s so peaceful.”

— DeAndre

3,143 people with disabilities participated in meaningful and productive activities

1,813 individuals received follow-along supports to successfully maintain employment
SUCCESS FOR JOB SEEKERS

“I wanted to get back to helping people. JVS helped me recharge my career and take it in a new direction as a business coach.”

— Joel

5,745
job seekers were provided with career and employment direction

3,859
job seekers received access to employment or training opportunities

▪ Counseling to help individuals explore careers that meet their interests and abilities
▪ Job search seminars to teach the latest techniques such as using social media for networking
▪ Success Teams of fellow job seekers to build self-confidence and new contacts
▪ Internships and special programming for job seekers age 50+ to break into new careers and end the cycle of unemployment
▪ Computer training and private instruction for updated computer skills and better jobs
▪ Unique networking events, employment opportunities, internships and financial education for young Jewish adults
▪ Counseling, group support and job search assistance for women who need to re-enter the workforce
▪ Job openings, job search events, job search tips and career advice at www.ActNow.jobs
▪ Financial and homebuyer education to teach individuals how to budget and save their money, repair their credit and avoid foreclosure
SUCCESS FOR BUSINESSES

“...are the hardest working employees that I have. But it’s about more than just production for us... the crew has become part of our family.”

– Nancy Niezgocki, Owner, Old World Style Almonds, Inc.

Supervised Work Crews
- Janitorial crews specializing in government facilities and offices/businesses
- Mailroom management and day porter services
- Work crews for assembly, packaging and re-working manufacturer errors

HR Management
- Conducting daily HR functions for organizations by providing full-time, part-time or interim support
- Providing recruiting services (sourcing, screening, interviewing and onboarding) on an ongoing or project basis
- Supporting organizational effectiveness through training, employee development and compliant policies and practices

Electronics Asset Management & Recycling
- Repurposing and recycling of computers and other office electronics
- Offering certified data destruction of hard drives
- R2/RIOS certification
- Hosting regular drop-off hours and scheduled pick-ups of material
- Providing jobs to individuals with barriers to employment

OVER 1,000 people were employed at local companies that used HR Solutions Group to strategically manage their human resource functions

OVER 4 MILLION square feet of space was kept clean by JVS work crews
JVS gives a heartfelt thanks to the generous individuals who give their time and talent to support the agency.

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