



# Newsbrief

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

## FY19 Board Directors

### Officers

**Gary Lee, CHAIR**  
Veterans United Home Loans

**Nick Allen, VICE CHAIR**  
Manor Roofing & Restoration Services

**Brian Burks, TREASURER**  
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc.

**Bruce Sones, SECRETARY**  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Erica Pefferman, PAST CHAIR**  
The Business Times Company

**Eric Morrison, PAST CHAIR**  
Providence Bank

**Rockne Corbin, AT-LARGE**  
Shelter Insurance Company

### Members

**Stacey Cole**  
Joe Machens Dealerships

**Ben Falby,**  
Moberly Area Community College

**Jeremiah Hunter**  
Columbia Police Department

**Brandon Jones**  
Missouri Employers Mutual

**Lauren Karr**  
Veterans United Home Loans

**Lakeela Mings**  
Columbia Chamber of Commerce

**Andrew Popplewell**  
Eng & Woods Law Office

**Kaitlyn Sharland**  
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital

## Success Story

**Debbie Graves** came to Job Point as a loyal and dedicated worker. With her heart in dishwashing, she was a woman who knew what she wanted! Debbie was looking for work in a supportive environment and needed help in this process, so she came to Job Point. There, she met with Becky Curry-Roe, Employment Services Coordinator, who helped Debbie land a job at Pizza Hut, where management loved her and admired her work ethic. To help Debbie acclimate to her new role, she received a couple of hours of job support while earning her Food Handler's certification.



Debbie Graves smiling in her Pizza Hut kitchen.

Graves has worked at Pizza Hut for nearly three years. She is never late and never misses shifts. In fact, when management is short-staffed she is the one they call to help out. Debbie's manager, Natasha Scherry, had this to say about her, "As an employer there are certain qualities you look for in your team. Integrity, dependability, flexibility, teamwork, determination, and an overall good work ethic. Debbie Graves shows all these qualities on an everyday basis. She is always positive, on time, and her performance is nothing short of great... In [her] 3 years she has never missed a day and has shown extreme growth as a Pizza Hut team member. We appreciate her hard work and dependability!" For her extraordinary accomplishments, Debbie received Job Point's coveted Award of Excellence at the Annual Banquet in March.

## Summer Work Experience Program Begins

Job Point's partnership with the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and area high schools, the Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP), has officially started this year. The program helps provide incoming seniors with job-related skills. For the third year, Randolph Area YMCA hired students for the six-week program, where students assisted with reception, sanitation, maintenance, landscaping, laundry and child care. C&R Market in Boonville welcomes students back for the second straight year. The Boonville students performed cashiering, bagging, stocking and food service. In addition to the day to day work, SWEP students also attend seminars on work-related skills, including networking, teamwork, communication, harassment and problem solving.



Students enjoying a break.

**We welcome** our newest team members: Jennifer Christy, Employment Consultant; Larry Dietzel, Employment Consultant.

**Say farewell** to Malinda Gee, Intake Support/Data Management Coordinator! We greatly appreciate Malinda's 12 years of service and wish her a happy retirement.

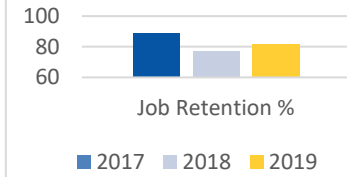
**Cancelled** In light of Covid-19, Comedy Night has been cancelled this year. We are currently evaluating other options to replace lost revenue from the event.

**We thank** U.S. Bank Foundation for their \$5,000 donation to support technology upgrades.

## 2019 Outcomes

421 people served  
\$10.44 avg. hourly wage  
96% customer satisfaction

### Job Retention



## Job Point's YouthBuild a Model Program

Job Point's YouthBuild program, established in 2003, and led by Jerrell Morton, has become a model for other YouthBuild programs in Missouri and beyond. Staff have been recognized nationally for sharing their best practices, learned from years of experience, with other programs throughout the state. Malinda Gee, Data Management Coordinator, has helped the Kansas City programs with data filing and organization, while Thom Lutz, Education Instructor, has taught St. Joseph YouthBuild leaders how to administer the Test for Adult Basic Education, or TABE, to prepare students to take their High School Equivalency Test. Job Point is proud to acknowledge the YouthBuild staff for their accomplishments and unconditional love and support of their students.

## Upcoming Job Point Programs

Starting dates for our programs include: **Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning**—July 27 (tentative); **Certified Nursing Assistant**—June 30 (full); **Highway/Heavy Construction**—July 6 (full), **Intermediate Construction Trades Program (ICTP)** and **Office Technology**—open enrollment; **Job Works**—early July (tentative). TABE testing by appointment only.

## Capitol Hill Day

In May, YouthBuild staff and a student met virtually with the offices of Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, Senator Josh Hawley and Senator Roy Blunt to explain what YouthBuild is and how this program aids in community development. After hearing how YouthBuild impacted the life of our student on the call, the government staffers vowed to tour Job Point to learn more about our work and the people we serve.

**Job Point** fulfills its mission through the support of Missouri businesses. We acknowledge new and renewed employer partnerships: Capital Construction, Center for Alternative Communities, City of Columbia, Emery Sapp & Sons, JJ's Café, Lucky's Last Resort (Moberly), Lutheran Home (Cape Girardeau), Moser's, Signal 88, University of Missouri Health Care, Valley View Rehab (Moberly), Walmart – Conley, Walmart (Moberly) and Woodley Building Maintenance.

## We Thank the Following for Giving Generously

Tim Bach and Paula Stuebben  
Columbia Surgical Associates  
Commerce Bank  
Community Foundation of Central Missouri  
Bill and Beth Costello  
Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc  
Ben Falby  
Ray Gusky  
Lisa Harmon  
Lynn and Patricia Hostetler  
Liz Huber

Joe Machens Dealerships  
Stephen Matthews  
Ellen McLain  
Jon and Susan McQuilkin  
Matt and Deanna Meyer  
Monarch Title Company, Inc  
John and Jenny Mulette  
Eric & Angie Olsen  
Linda Pauley  
Matthew and Kate Pitzer  
Plaza Commercial Realty  
Al and Sheila Plummer

Providence Bank  
Regions Bank  
Marsha Richins  
Schneider Electric North America Foundation  
Andrea Smith  
Bruce Sones  
Veterans United Foundation  
Al and Barb Wagner  
Wallstreet Group  
Bob Wessler  
John and Nancy Whiteside

*Job Point is mid-Missouri's premier employment center. 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.*



Headquarters - 400 Wilkes Boulevard, Columbia, MO 65201 573/474-8560  
Moberly 573/823-2885

Accredited by CARF, the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission, and an equal opportunity organization committed to a diverse workplace, Job Point is a member organization of Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (MARF). Auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

[www.jobpoint.org](http://www.jobpoint.org)

