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

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### Success Story

Teron Wings cares about his family and pushing himself to be the very best. In April 2017, Teron signed up for the Job Point's Heavy Highway course with instructor Justin Gibson. Later, Teron interned with the City of Columbia's street division. With his crew, he harnessed his skills and stood out among the rest. Later, Teron began working with Chester Bross Construction. Teron's road to success wasn't always a smooth ride. After coming



out of a prison, he lived in a halfway house in Columbia. Job Point assisted Teron in finding the best job match possible. In June 2017, Teron got a job as part of Chester Bross's Milling Crew. He can be found on highway 70, highway 44, and all over mid Missouri. Teron stated, "I feel different because I got this job, because of my background and what I've been through. This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me." Teron says he is glad to be on a straighter path and thankful Job Point helped pave the way. His supervisor said, "I could tell he was kind of a shooting star in the beginning. He wanted to learn and I could tell he was always eager to try new things." We commend Teron on his self-motivation, determination and outstanding work ethic in the face of adversity. For his extraordinary accomplishments Teron has been awarded for Job Point's 2018 Award of Excellence. Watch the video story by Emily Spain, KOMU.

We welcome our newest team member: William Alton, Employment Consultant. We welcome back Bryon White as Advisor for Rehabilitation Services. We congratulate Justin Anthony on his transfer to Highway Heavy Construction Instructor.

We graciously thank Veterans United Foundation for their generous donation to assist with skills training and employment services for members of the armed forces.

Mark your calendar Comedy Night on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservation today by calling 573-777-1506 or by emailing brendao@jobpoint.org.





#### **2018** *Awards*

At our annual banquet on February 27<sup>th</sup> Job Point announced its award recipients. From over 400 persons served, two individuals were honored for their outstanding employment and personal triumph with an Award of Excellence. James White is named "Superman," for becoming such a great asset to the team at Super 8 Motel in Boonville after participating in Job Point's Supported Employment Services. Teron Wings is working diligently at Chester Bross after completing the Highway/Heavy Construction Training program. Job Point salutes these remarkable individuals for their resolve in overcoming barriers to employment. Don Moore, Director of Information Technologies, was honored as the Employee of the

Year for his dedication and service. C & R Market was selected as the Employer of the Year for supporting the talents of individuals seeking employment. Atkins was honored as Partner of the Year for their outstanding support. Lastly, Dr. Roger L. Morrison was acknowledged posthumously as Volunteer of the Year for his invaluable contributions.





## Comedy Night 2019



Comedy Night will take place on April 17 at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center from 5:30pm-9pm. A total of six comedians will be perfomrming including the famous Greg Morton, known as "Mr. Standing O!" He's known as the ultimate stand up act at clubs, colleges, and theatres across the U.S., Canada, Australia, and The United Kingdom. He has opened for Celine Dione, Dionne Warwick, Harry Connick Jr. and Luther Vandross at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. He is a four time veteran of the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal and a YouTube sensation with over 4 million hits! Five other comedians performing





include: Mark Farnen with Strategists Communications Company, Erica Pefferman from The Business
Times Company, Richard "Dickie" Walls from The Heidelberg, Jon McQuilkin with Eng & Woods, and Thomas Rost from Arris' Pizza. Don't miss this opportunity to watch our friends strut their stuff on stage. Click here for tickets.

#### Job Point Awarded 3- Year CARF Accreditation



Job Point recently received accreditation from CARF International following our survey, which occurred on January 14-16. The outcome is a Three-Year Accreditation (the highest level possible). Comments from the reviewers were very complimentary. Just a few follow: "Job Point embraces the motto of 'finding ways to never say no to a person served,' meaning that the organization will find a way to assist anyone who seeks to gain skills, education, and employment opportunities required to reach his/her goals. The organization has a solid reputation with the referral source as the premier service provider in the state." The CARF survey process identifies opportunities for continuous improvement, a core concept of "aspiring to be excellent." A full

copy of the report is available upon request.

## Youthbuild Students Dressed for Success





In partnership with the Central Region Workforce Development Board, YouthBuild students prepared for an IBM Job Fair in February. They obtained job readiness skills, interview help, clothing and etiquette training to lead them to their future goals. Along with attending the Job Fair, students also practiced their new skills with a meal at Olive Garden. Student Dewayne Grays said," I enjoyed this training because it helped me learn more about IBM and what they do. It made me get a better understanding of how to interview for future jobs." Makayla Mosely's feedback from this workshop was, "Always take advantage of your second chances because it may be your last. It was a life changing experience." The two continue to work hard and strive for success.

# **Upcoming Job Point Programs**

Starting dates for our programs include: **Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning** – July TBD; and **Certified Nursing Assistant** – July TBD. **Highway/Heavy Construction, Intermediate Construction Trades Program (ICTP)** and **Office Technology** – open entry. **Job Works** April 1, April 15, May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17. 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**: Hampton Inn, Waffle House, JC Penney, Tiger Tots, Blue Ridge Healthcare on the Mountain (NC), Grizzly Bear Lawn Care, Midway Diner, CenterPointe Hospital, Volt/3M, Columbia Mall Carwash, Gerbes, Schnucks, Columbia Kitchen & Fire, Main Squeeze, South Hampton Place, Job Finders/Aerostar **WEST**: Comfort Inn-Boonville, Katy Manor **NORTH**: Lowe's-Moberly.

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