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**CHICAGO JOBS COUNCIL NAMES BARBARA TARTAGLIONE AS ITS 2010
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Ms. Barbara Tartaglione, President of the West Suburban Jobs Council (WSJC), was honored with the Betty Willhoite Volunteer of the Year Award from the Chicago Jobs Council (CJC) at its 29th Annual Meeting on Friday, June 4.

She was recognized for her work as leading WSJC's full council, developing its subcommittee of working groups, obtaining the organization's 501(c)(3) status, conducting research on the National Career Readiness Credential, and recruiting WSJC's membership organizations from across DuPage County and neighboring communities.

Said Crispina Ojeda, Statewide Policy Associate of the Chicago Jobs Council, "Barb has not only shared and led efforts within her community, but has also shared her vast wealth of workforce development policy and program knowledge across the state." Working with CJC's statewide outreach staff, she has offered technical assistance to the Rockford Jobs Council and the Decatur Jobs Council.

Ms. Tartaglione is a private career counselor, member of the Naperville Chamber of Commerce, a former volunteer of the DuPage County Workforce Investment Board, and Vice-President of the People's Resource Center's Board of Directors.

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The **West Suburban Jobs Council** is a coalition of community service agencies and other stakeholders working together to increase access to training and gainful employment for multi-barrier job seekers and low-wage workers in DuPage County. For more information, visit www.wsjobscouncil.org.

The **Chicago Jobs Council** is a 29-year old policy and advocacy organization that works with its members to ensure access to employment and career advancement opportunities for people living in poverty. For more information, visit www.cjc.net.