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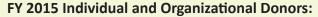
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### Dear Friends:

This year was a time of transition at CJC. Bob Wordlaw stepped down in December 2014 after 19 years as Executive Director. As many of you know, Bob was part of CJC from the beginning and made CJC what it is today. He brought a humanity to CJC that we all learned from. Bob reminded us that the work of strengthening communities and improving neighborhoods starts with the people right next to us, at the desk across from us or in the office down the hall. He focused on relationships and shared success. He cared deeply about getting work done, and very little about taking personal credit for it. He lifted up those around him and helped to develop many colleagues into leaders in workforce development. He had a sense of humor in the face of grave struggles.



Most importantly, he demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community organizations and the people and neighborhoods they serve. Bob may not boast about the great things he has done, but I will. He has left CJC very strong. By focusing on relationships, he prepared CJC both morally and strategically to continue lifting up the needs of the hardest to serve job seekers in our communities.

Transitioning into the role of Executive Director after Bob, I am equally proud of and thankful for his legacy. We have a lot of work to do. But we share that work with great people in and outside of this organization. As long as we're invested in one another, I know our investment in the work will remain strong.

Whether you were with us this year to fight for a fair state budget, to call for reform of the Urban Weatherization Initiative, to raise the profile of unfair policies that limit transportation options for job seekers, or to grow your own skills and expertise through Frontline Focus, thank you for your commitment to making employment a reality for more people. Your ideas and actions from the community and for the community continue to inspire me.

Sincerely,

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Carrie Thomas Executive Director

## Learning Cohorts Facilitate Valuable Reflection

Data has become such a buzzword, it is easy to lose track of what it means. At CJC, we see workforce data as an opportunity to learn together. That's why we're partnering with the Workforce Benchmarking Network, whose goal is to ensure that quality data about services and outcomes is available and that the field has the capacity to use that data to create more effective programs and policies.

This year, the Frontline Focus Training Institute (FFTI) facilitated two cohort learning groups to do just that. Over six months, the Success Drivers cohort brought together teams from ten organizations to reflect on areas of excellence and improvement in their work. The groups used the Success Drivers framework-a constantly improving rubric of best practices curated from workforce organizations across the country. Through large and small group discussion, the use of external





guest speakers, and ample time for action planning, each team walked away with ideas small and large to improve their organization's operations.

The Deep Dive cohort brought together workforce leaders from six different organizations to discuss how data can be used to improve employee performance, improve internal meetings, and ultimately increase organizational effectiveness. Perhaps most importantly, participants in both cohorts were given time to reflect. Many reported that having space to think critically and discuss the practices and priorities at their organizations was one of the most valuable pieces of the learning process.

## Frontline Focus Ambassadors Spread the Word

Many of the individuals who participate in Frontline Focus trainings hear about us from a supervisor, colleague or peer. This year, in order to harness the power of that word-of-mouth marketing, FFTI established its Ambassador Program. From our large pool of alums, we invited eight individuals representing organizations of varying sizes and missions. These individuals were chosen based on their prior participation and involvement with Frontline Focus trainings and events, their ability to represent FFTI in related circles, and their leadership and networking capabilities. Through quarterly check-in meetings, the group reported on where they had shared information about FFTI and how many people they were able to connect with who seemed interested in learning more. These check-ins also served as a focus group opportunity for FFTI staff to vet new class ideas, gauge the temperature of the field on a particular topic, and solicit new marketing ideas. We found it so helpful to have these regular check-ins with ambassadors that we're turning the pilot into an integral part of FFTI.

## Featured Frontline Focus Alumnus: Greg Morrow

At our annual meeting celebration in June, CJC recognizes those individuals who completed all the necessary training to receive their FFTI certification over the course of the year. This year, we graduated one individual with a particularly unique story. Greg Morrow came to CJC while working as part of the Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) at the Center on Halsted. He first attended a monthly Working Group meeting and quickly became interested in attending FFTI trainings. Paying for the courses out of his own pocket,



Greg diligently pursued his Job Developer Track certification, hoping to make a career shift into this field. Upon his graduation, he applied for several open positions and was quickly hired as a job developer at StreetWise. Since then, Greg has gone on to become an amazing advocate for the field and CJC. He serves on our Frontline Workforce Association steering committee and continues to be a regular attendee at our monthly Working Group meetings. He is full of passion, positivity, and contagious energy. Job seekers are lucky to have someone like Greg on their side, and the field is better off with him as an advocate.

## Improving the Urban Weatherization Initiative

CJC has continued over the past year to push for improvements and modifications to the Urban Weatherization Initiative (UWI). The innovative program model combines job training, employment, and residential weatherization for home owners in low income urban neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the program hasn't delivered on its potential. CJC brought UWI providers together to learn what was working well and what challenges there were with the program, and brought proposals to State Representative Monique Davis based on their feedback. Rep. Davis introduced legislation incorporating many of these recommendations. After a long legislative session, the bill passed both the House and the Senate with the help of UWI providers taking action to reach out to legislators to educate them on the positive impact such legislation could have on their programs.

Through the entire process, CJC kept UWI providers informed, and alerted them to advocacy opportunities, efforts which proved very successful in motivating the field to advance policy solutions in Springfield. CJC also successfully petitioned the governor to address an administrative challenge to the program. Another problem for UWI was a lack of qualified individuals on the advisory board to help govern and watchdog the program. CJC educated the newly elected Rauner administration about the need for board members with expertise in weatherization and workforce development. In May, the Governor acted on CJC's recommendation and appointed former CJC Executive Director, Robert Wordlaw, to serve on the UWI advisory committee.



## **Clearing the Path to Work**

Providers working in communities know that transportation barriers are employment barriers. This year, we heard from our members about two key transportation barriers blocking the success of job seekers. First, we continued our efforts to make the Ventra Fare system work

better for providers in Chicago. Many providers offer transit assistance to job seekers, which is more expensive and burdensome to do with Ventra. After conducting a survey and raising the issue with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and the Mayor's Office, city leaders at DFSS conducted their own survey to hear about the challenges for themselves. Now, DFSS is in a position to help bring the concerns of its delegate agencies to the Mayor and the Chicago Transit Authority.

The second transportation challenge that emerged this year was drivers' license suspension. Almost half of suspensions nationally are for non-driving offenses, such as unpaid tickets, inability to pay child support, or getting caught with drugs. Without a license, it's harder to get to work, and impossible to get a job that requires driving.



This penalty makes it harder, not easier, to get a job and pay off the original debt. That's why CJC has spent this year spreading the word about license suspension as an employment issue. We educated hundreds of people who read our articles online about the topic. We've brought providers together who face this challenge, invited legal experts to the table, and created the momentum to make this a major advocacy priority.

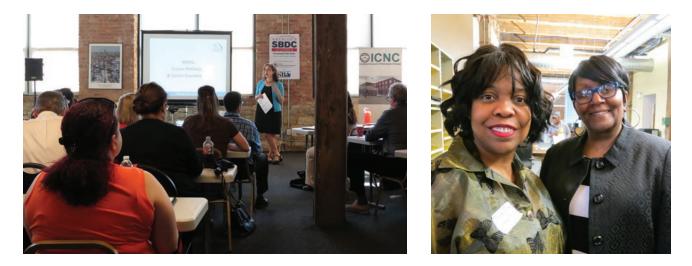
This year has been a turning point in our transportation advocacy. Transportation issues are keeping job seekers from success, and we now have the framework to deal with this not as a secondary issue, but as a major workforce issue. Our partnerships with providers interested in transportation challenges are stronger than ever.

## **Destination: Jobs**

In Chicago, only 9% of individuals exit the homeless service system with increased income from employment. In 2015 CJC worked with the Employment Task Force of Chicago's Plan to End Homelessness 2.0 to launch the Destination: Jobs project. In a national competition it was selected as one of five sites to be part of the Connections Project led by the National Initiatives team at Heartland Alliance. The project will implement several of the Plan 2.0 Employment recommendations so that homeless job seekers are identified more quickly and frontline staff can understand their workforce needs and help them get to appropriate services. Through the implementation of an initial employment assessment, vital information about homeless job seekers will be collected for the first time and the Task Force will explore ways to improve resources for frontline homeless service staff so that they can make better referrals to workforce services. If successful, Destination: Jobs will double the percent of those leaving homeless services with increased income from employment.

# From the Community, For the Community

Over 645 members, partners and stakeholders took part in CJC meetings, trainings, events and celebrations in FY2015. This far-reaching, active participation in Working Group, Member Events, Frontline Workforce Association, Frontline Focus Training Institute, and other CJC convenings is key to the advancement and success of our collective work on behalf of disadvantaged job seekers and workers.



Left: Local WIOA implementation was one of many timely topics explored and discussed at CJC's Working Group. Right: Trinity Dishmon and Shquestra Sitawi (YWCA Metropolitan Chicago) attend CJC's December meeting, joining 200+ Working Group participants over the course of the year.



Left: Shaniece Alexander and Brad Hirn of Growing Home, along with neighborhood friends, show Team CJC around two urban farms in Englewood that are job training program sites.

Right: Larry Fitzpatrick, Alberto Ortega, Ray Bentley, and Tom Peters help celebrate Bob Wordlaw's 19-year tenure.



Left: Tiya Sumter (Cara Program) shares interviewing best practices at the September FWA event. Right: Students discuss a case study in FFTI's *Working with Transgender Job Seekers* training.



Left: Elena Weinstein and Jian Kim (Asian Human Services) take part in CJC's #GivingTuesday campaign. Right: July FWA participants take notes as a panel of employers share perspectives on resume do's and don'ts.



Left: Sodexho and Human Citizen cohost a lively On The Table event with CJC. Right: Ja'Vida Ford and Yolanda Fields host CJC to learn about Breakthrough Urban Ministries' employment program.

# Fiscal Year 2015 Financials

## Chicago Jobs Council Statement of Financial Position

Period ending June 30, 2015

#### ASSETS

Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$697,837
Cash – restricted		2,803
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$700,640
Contributions receivable		410,000
Fee for service and other receivables		4,893
Prepaid Expenses		28,829
Total Current Assets		\$1,144,362
Property and equipment, net		3,749
Certificate of deposit		48,619
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,196,730
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$81,785
Accrued payroll and related expenses		24,646
Custodial funds payable		2,803
Deferred revenue		2,500
Total Current Liabilities		\$111,734
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
General operating	\$248,831	
Board designated operating reserve	52,508	
Total unrestricted net assets	\$301,339	\$301,339
Temporarily restricted		783,657
Total Net Assets		\$1,084,996
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$1,196,730

# Fiscal Year 2015 CJC Members

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS**

A Safe Haven Foundation African American Christian Foundation Albany Park Community Center, Inc. Allied Health Care Career Network Alternative Schools Network America Works of Illinois. Inc. Association House of Chicago Austin Coming Together Black United Fund of Illinois Boys & Girls Club of Chicago **Breaking Ground** Breakthrough Urban Ministries Calumet Area Industrial Commission **Career Transitions Center of Chicago** Casa Central **Catholic Charities** Center for Changing Lives **Central States SER** Chicago Commons Association Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Chicago Federation of Labor Workers Assistance Committee Chicago House and Social Service Agency Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Chinese American Service League Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints City of Evanston Department of Parks, **Recreation and Community Services** CJG Communications, Inc. **Community Assistance Programs DuPage Workforce Board** Dynamic Educational Systems, Inc. Easter Seals Inc **Employment and Employer Services** Erie Neighborhood House Goldie's Place Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc.

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# Fiscal Year 2015 Working Group Participants

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# CJC's 34<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting



Left: CJC FY2015 Board Members (Top Row, L-R) Bill McVey, Anita Jenke, Shannon Stewart, (Bottom Row, L-R) Barb Tartaglione, Debra Walker Johnson, Esther Wong.

Middle: FFTI graduate Latosha Walker (Heartland Alliance) speaks on behalf of the FY2015 graduating class.

Right: Brad Hirn (Growing Home) and Barb Tartaglione (West Suburban Jobs Council) share in the excitement of the Betty J. Willhoite Award presentation.



Left: Hugo Avila stands to be recognized as one of FFTI's valued training partners. FFTI partnered with several organizations and consultants in FY2015 to deliver a comprehensive training curriculum.

Right: FY2015 FFTI graduates are recognized for their completion of certification requirements: Greg Morrow, Graciela Diaz, Raquel Murillo, Claudia Regalado-Cattouse, Precious Wright.

# CJC's 34TH Annual Meeting (Continued)



Left: Carrie Thomas and the Annual Meeting Ideas & Actions panelists: Scott Waguespack (Alderman – Chicago's 32nd Ward), Yolanda Fields (Breakthrough Urban Ministries); Carrie Thomas; Natalie Moore (WBEZ) – moderator; Ellen Ray (Center for Changing Lives).

Right: CJC FY2015 Staff (Top Row, L-R) Liz Czarnecki, Kaitlyn McGovern, Carrie Thomas, Dan Lyonsmith, Cheryl Hester, Megan Winzeler, Ellen Johnson, (Bottom Row, L-R) Eric Halvorson, Etta Davis, Andrés Moreno, Melody Waring.



Left: Troy Williams (Center on Halsted) enjoys the Year in Review presentation, including CJC's widely popular annual video.

Middle: Shaniece Alexander (Growing Home) accepts CJC's prized Betty J. Willhoite Award for above-and-beyond commitment to the field.

Right: CJC alumnus Evelyn Diaz smiles with Bob and Phyllis Wordlaw for a "CJC Family" photo.

## About CJC

The Chicago Jobs Council works with its members to ensure access to employment and career advancement opportunities for people in poverty.

Founded in 1981 with 18 original members, CJC has grown to include over 100 communitybased organizations, civic groups, businesses, and individuals committed to helping disadvantaged Illinoisans gain access to the education and training they need to enter the labor market, secure stable employment at a living wage, and pursue sustainable careers.

CJC advances its mission through advocacy, applied research, public education, and capacity-building initiatives focused on influencing the development or reform of public policies and programs.



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