

# CONNECT ONE

JobOne Community News

## Did You Know?

*JobOne operates across the Kansas City region.*

JobOne has sites based in Independence and Grandview, Missouri, but we also fulfill staffing contracts across the region. We work with government organizations and companies to fill their staffing needs, while providing employment opportunities to adults with disabilities. The employers appreciate the performance and productivity results, and the employees enjoy the having these employment choices.

One example of this is a JobOne maintenance team contracted with the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse in Kansas City, Kansas. Recently the team was tasked with an "emergency cleanup" situation to transform a construction area into a location to place 100 children for an event. They responded quickly and efficiently. The Dole Courthouse Building Manager commended the team for "pulling off a miracle."

This is just one example of the great work JobOne employees are doing in the community each day. For more information on the staffing and business solutions available through JobOne. Contact us at 816.796.7070 or [request on online quote](#) today.

## Upcoming JobOne Meetings

**JobOne Marketing & Business Development Committee Meeting** -  
12 noon  
Dec 20 - MBPI - Lee's Summit

**JobOne Fund Development Committee Meeting**  
12 noon  
Dec 21 - Commerce Bank - Plaza

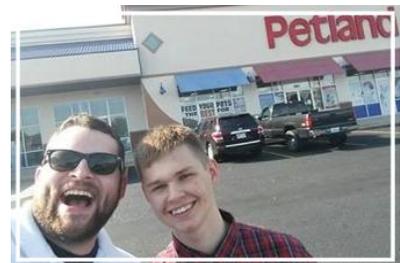
**JobOne Subcontracting, SDS & Recycling**  
Dec 23 - CLOSED

**JobOne**  
Dec 26 - CLOSED

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### Turning Passion into Opportunity

Hunter is the perfect example of how hard work and determination pays off. There is no denying his great love for animals. Before coming to JobOne, Hunter had applied at Petland and was very determined to work there. He currently has three dogs at home that he takes care of, bathing them on a regular basis and making sure their kennels are clean for them to sleep in every week. He fulfills those same responsibilities at work, as he will be taking care of all the new puppies at Petland. Congratulations on your new job, Hunter!



*JobOne Employment Specialist, Jeff Carpenter, snaps a selfie with Hunter.*

## TRANSITION UPDATE: Progress in Independence

In the summer of 2016 JobOne made the very difficult decision to close the Blue Springs workshop and transfer the employees and staff to the Independence location.

A great amount of planning and hard work went in to making this move as easy for our employees as possible. (Thank you to the staff members who made this happen!) Not only did the Blue Springs team have to adjust to a new location, the Independence team had to make a huge adjustment as well.

Six months later I'm happy to report that things are going quite well. Employees are making new friends and developing a sense of pride and teamwork. Contract work has increased dramatically and staff is coming together to work through limited production and warehouse space to get our customer projects done with high quality and on time!

I recently ran into one of the employees from Blue Springs who made the move and I asked him how he liked working in Independence. He smiled and said "I love it!" He shared that he is excited about new jobs available and has been promoted to part-time custodian. More importantly than the work (to me), was his comment that he has met a lot of new people and made new friends.





JobOne is at its best when we provide a space for people to be productive and part of a team. This leads to individuals being valued for their contributions to the success of the organization.

Aaron Martin  
JobOne President & CEO

## THANK YOU!



Our Shining Stars Celebration would not be possible without the support of sponsors and volunteers.

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### Volunteers:

**Eastern Independence Rotary Club  
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## Congratulations, Shining Stars!



*JobOne President & CEO, Aaron Martin (far left) and Board Chair, Amy Schmidt (far right) with the 2016 All-Star Award Winners (left-right) Madison B., Mark M., Nakisha G., Helen Y., Kyle W., and Darrien G.*

Our Shining Stars Employee Holiday Celebration on Sunday, December 4th at the John Knox Pavilion was a huge success. During the event, we recognized employees who made exceptional progress during the year and stood out for their performance. Congratulations to all these Shining Stars!

**ALL-STAR AWARD WINNERS:** Madison B. - Independence, Mark M. - Independence, Nakisha G. - Grandview, Helen Y. - Community Employment, Kyle W. - Secure Document Solutions, Darrien G. - Recycling

**GLEAM AWARD WINNERS:** Suzie D., Casey H., Shauna H., Carly H., Steve M., James P., Terrell C., Kathy H., Natalie K., Smiley Y., Sandra T., Dale M., Mark S., Eric D., Scott M.

**RISING STAR AWARD WINNERS:** Eddy M., Ernest C., Debbie A., Katie H., Matthew M., Rachel S., Patti G., Burley W., Will K., Kerwin M.



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