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Project/SEARCH 2013-2014 Begins



The Project/SEARCH Interns of 2013-14. The four interns in front are, from left to right: Filena DeVries, Anna Malito, Katie Lamond, Stacey Kyles. In the back row, from left to right: Suneil Pattanshetti, Scott Alfes, Leonce Hanana and Cornelius Brown.

A new year begins here at Project/SEARCH at Bronson. We are pleased to introduce our new group of interns. Judging by their genuine smiles, they are pleased to be here. What a great group of young adults. They have so many skills and such potential. It will be exciting to see how they develop over the course of the year!

These interns have already been through four weeks of Job Club this past summer. They have

also been through three weeks of orientation at the YOU building on South Street. This allowed the interns to get to know each other, learn about Bronson rules and expectations, and prepare for interviews with their new managers at Bronson. We all had fun, but accomplished a great deal.

The interns have been at their first rotation of 10 weeks since September 23. Comments from the managers and mentors have been extremely positive. It is so exciting for us to hear such inspiring feedback and to see the interns be trusted so early on to complete the tasks they have been given. The departments in which they are working are:

Filena: Distribution/Linen
Anna: EVS/Housekeeping
Katie: Distribution/Equipment
Stacey: Gilmore Education Center/EVS
Suneil: Sky Court Café
Scott: MICU/Customer Service
Leonce: EVS/Housekeeping
Cornelius: Patients' Kitchen



Scott Alfes, intern, takes advantage of a free massage at the PS fundraiser.

Project/SEARCH's 2nd Annual Fundraiser

On September 16, 2013, HQ Salon and Spa hosted the 2nd Annual Project/SEARCH Fundraiser. A great array of snacks and beverages were available, as well as complimentary services from the talented and friendly staff from HQ. A large collection of prizes were raffled off that evening.

Over 100 people came to the event to help raise \$2,000 to support the Project/SEARCH program and its interns. That is a 100% increase from last year's fundraiser!

We would like to sincerely thank HQ Salon and Spa for their incredible generosity, giving of their time,

money, space and talent. Also, we would like to thank Hurley and Stewart, Maria's Italian Restaurant as well as the many other businesses who donated prizes to the event. A huge thanks goes to all of the supporters who attended the event.

Bronson Children's Hospital Walk & Run



Anna Malito and Leonce Hanana cheering on a runner in the Bronson 5K.

This year, the interns of Project/SEARCH participated in the Bronson Children's Hospital Walk & Run as Excitement Zone Volunteers. We were spread throughout the course and our job was to

cheer the walkers and runners on with posters and yelling words of encouragement. Since Bronson has been such a great supporter of Project/SEARCH, we wanted to give back and help the Children's Hos-

pital raise over \$80,000 that day. There were about 1,400 runners in the event, twice the amount of the previous year. It was a very fun and rewarding day!

2012-2013 Success!

Although each intern may have several goals, and Project/SEARCH helps them to reach them, our number one goal is for the interns to obtain gainful employment. You may be wondering how we fared last year. The answer: 88%, or 7 out of 8 interns, are now employed in our community.

We hope, and expect, that statistic to change to 100% very soon. Shown on the left is Anthony Mastin, one of our 2012-2013 interns. He is now employed by Bronson, as well as Isaac Jukes. Other jobs that last year's interns now hold: Child Care in Richland, Dishwasher for Epic Bistro, Food Prep for

KVCC, EVS for ABM Industries in Borgess Medical Center, and General Worker for Harding's Friendly Markets! We are so proud of them, grateful for the hiring companies and thrilled to be a part of helping the interns become independent, working community members.

