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The YouthForce Gazette

Youth Development That Works.



GREAT NEWS!!! We are having the busiest summer in the history of YouthForce! With the help of our employer partners, YouthForce hired 64 teens in June/July, a summertime record! YouthForce teen alumni, **Elliott Flavors**(photo left) made a special appearance to lead team building exercises. Elliott is a sports management major with an emphasis in business & marketing at WSU. The last requirement for graduation is his internship with the **Seattle Sonics** and the **Storm's** Community Relations Department.

Our **Informational Interview Series** continues with an incredible meeting with **Starbucks CEO, Mr. Howard Schultz**. He was inspiring, humble, and a fantastic role model for the teens. At the time of our conversation, Mr. Schultz was rolling out the first Starbucks produced feature film (*Akeelah and the Bee*– which the teens got a sneak preview of), had been featured on *60 Minutes*, was knee deep in negotiations with the City of Seattle and the Sonics, while running a successful, trailblazing global company. Taking the time to speak intimately with our kids really made them feel special, as you'll see below.

We have so much happening that we are happy to let you know that with this issue, *The YouthForce Gazette* will be going monthly. Enjoy! -**Jeffrey Stein, Executive Director**

YouthForce Happenings



Thanks to the kind support of **Costco Co- Founder, Jeffrey Brotman** and **Starbucks Assistant to the Chairman Nancy Kent**, YouthForce was invited to meet with Starbucks CEO, Howard Schultz. We were welcomed into his private office, where Mr. Schultz shared coffee and conversation with four YouthForce teens for over an hour. He held each teen spellbound as he spoke about his personal struggles of growing up poor in the projects of Brooklyn. Living within what he referred to as “the concrete neighborhood,” Mr. Schultz’s shared that his only access to a library was the book mobile. As a child, he lived in fear that he would never get out of the projects, never gain access to the American dream. A sports scholarship granted him that ticket out and welcomed him the opportunity to a different life. He has never forgotten that childhood fear, and today, Starbucks supports the development and care

of parks and libraries for all, is known for treating it’s employees with dignity and respect, and even provides part-time employees with benefits- something almost unheard of these days. Mr. Schultz’s powerful message during our meeting encouraged hope, perseverance, and self determination within each teen, as you can see in excerpts from their thank you letters to Mr. Schultz below:

*Your story is truly inspiring, especially since I can relate to it so much. Growing up in a horrible neighborhood can be pretty detrimental to anyone’s psyche. I’m really scared of failing or ending up right where I began. Childhood was tough. We barely lived paycheck to paycheck, but family kept us strong. Living in such a rough place you don’t see too many successes. It can really bring you down, but hearing your story which is so few and far between it gave me hope”. -**Nneka Bolden***

*Meeting with you really means a lot to me, as I have business bound goals. Coming from immigrant parents who started with nothing, I could really connect with your drive and determination to succeed. Family pressure and my own self-motivation have instilled me with similar determination to reach for high aspirations. I aim to build a company like yours, one that not only has effective business practices, but also preaches social responsibility. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to meet you. It is something that I will never forget. -**Robert Do***

*I just wanted to thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. I was honestly amazed with your conversational and approachable demeanor. I felt like you cared about what we had to say and were actually interested, especially when your phone rang and you didn’t answer it, but instead answered our questions. Your message to us was extremely powerful and meaningful to me. Thank you for your time, your generosity, and most of all your kindness in helping me reconnect with my dreams. I will never forget it. -**Xuyen Nguyen***

*To hear how you approached life’s struggles and successes has helped me to see my own life and challenges in a new light. And the fact that you made Starbucks true to your vision and values shows me that caring does work. I appreciate your values, and hearing how you used them in your life and work was an amazing lesson. Thanks for an incredible experience that I won’t soon forget. - **Mackenzie Lehnherr***

YouthForce Summer 06

We are proud to acknowledge our great employer partners who have said “YES” to hiring a teen. They are making a difference in the lives of young people. As always, the more business partners we have, the more teens we can serve, so to say we appreciate their support is an understatement. Companies recently hired teens for the summer and beyond include:



2 teens hired for special projects and 1 in North Atlantic Transportation



1 teen hired in the lab, 1 in HR, and 1 the mail room



2 teens in HR



2 teens in the lab and 2 teens in HR



1 teen in administration



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1 teen in accounting



50 teens in promotions support / family customer relations

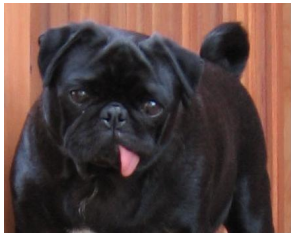
YouthForce Superstars



We are excited and pleased to introduce the newest member of the YouthForce team, outreach coordinator, **Liz Hansen**. She is the main YouthForce liaison with schools and city wide education based youth development programs, and will be leading pre-employment workshops for teens. Liz comes to us from **WorkSource Thurston County** and **Americorps**, bringing a great deal of experience in youth employment and school outreach. Say hi to her next time you call!

We want to thank board member, **Wendy Warren**, for including YouthForce in her bridal registry through Justgive.org. Her guests donated \$1600 to YouthForce as their wedding gift to her. We can't think of a better way to celebrate their dream of happily ever after than by helping a young person achieve their dreams too.

YouthForce Endnotes



With all this going on, I'm not clear why August is referred to as the dog days of summer...but ok, here's a picture of **Sluggo**, our office manager.

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