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Pass It On Takes the 1st STEP

On October 22nd and 29th, Pass It On held its inaugural Skills Training and Employment Program (STEP) at BankAtlantic's corporate headquarters in Ft. Lauderdale.

As part of the organization's mission to help youth succeed through education, Pass It On crafted the STEP program as a tool for improving job preparedness and personal confidence in teenagers aging out of foster care.



Partnering directly with JAFCO, SOS Children's Village and 4 Kids, this year's pilot program included 10 teenagers from all over Broward County.

[Lois Marino, BankAtlantic, talks about the importance of a good 1st impression]

Pass It On Board Member Ellie Nelson-Wernick chaired this year's inaugural program with the help of a small but energetic committee. The format of the program was simple - (1) an early morning session devoted to teaching career skills needed to obtain employment: resume writing, completing applications and interviewing; (2) a late morning session consisting of presentations from 2 local employers representing various industries.

Pass It On Board Member Rob Kline served as the instructor for the early morning sessions. Rob, a former teacher, and now commercial litigator with McDermott Will & Emery, was exceptional in focusing the teenagers on the importance of knowing the do's and don'ts when looking for a job through real-world examples.

A special thanks to Teresita Saladin from Enterprise Holdings (Rent-A-Car) and Lois Marino from Bank Atlantic for presenting on 10/22, and Janet Wincko from City Furniture and Trevor Prigg from James A Cummings General Contractors for presenting on 10/29. They taught the group about the importance of career skills, the types of jobs available in their respective industries, job requirements, and how to land a job.

The key to STEP is the participation and motivation among its participants. This year's group was interested, enthusiastic and active. The group wholeheartedly stated in their program evaluations that this program should be held again and again down the road so that others can benefit.

The 1st STEP was a great success! As Pass It On plans for future programs, there is a need for more volunteers. If you are interested in becoming part of the STEP or for more information, contact Ellie Nelson-Wernick, enwernick@aol.com

Please Join us for the 3rd Annual Wine & Jazz!



3rd Annual
WINE & JAZZ EVENT

Enjoy an evening of wine and jazz with old and new friends to benefit Pass It On

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