



June Newsletter 2016

Changing Lives Through Employment

As the weather is heating up this summer, MND is bustling with two MTDL cohorts training individuals for jobs at the port of Baltimore. Our MTDL cohorts tend to be majority men and are expected to dress professionally as part of our mock professional environment during training. To keep up with the demand for our professional clothing closet we are in need of more men's professional clothes - especially shirts and ties. Consider donating or coordinating a clothing drive at your place of work.

The Gift of Opportunity

Recently, MND board member Kristin Jurkscheit, received an exceptional gift. Knowing of Kristin's passion for our work, her family planned a surprise birthday party and, in lieu of traditional gifts, they asked guests to make a donation to MND in her name. Together, they raised enough funds to completely cover the cost of training and support for two MND clients. "To see my name on a scholarship for MND clients," Kristin said of her reaction to the gift, "I was speechless and deeply moved." This year, Kristin "celebrated so much more than a birthday; we celebrated community and being in this journey together."



The Kristin Jurkscheit Scholarships will allow two clients to receive employment training and counseling at MND. Kristin is pictured here with MND Executive Director Grace Lee.

Engaging MND

MND's second ENGAGE Volunteer Event in early June provided a great opportunity for volunteers, clients, board and staff to collaborate, converse and build community. Staff shared about the client process from training to connecting clients to jobs and providing ongoing support. Attendees gained insight about MND's work through a group building exercise with spaghetti noodles and were inspired by hearing directly from clients who shared their employment journey. Overall the event celebrated MND's impact and brought together the great people who help make it all happen. To learn more about lessons learned from our building exercise and about our next ENGAGE Event [click here](#).



Volunteer Rosalind Jones and former client Derasia Ross worked closely together to build a tall tower. Both of these ladies were tenacious in their efforts and laughed a lot along the way.

Port Field Trip

This week MTDL clients toured Wallenius Wilhelmson Logistics - a successful global logistics company at the Port of Baltimore. Rod Pickens, the

General Manager of WWL, shared about available positions as well as what the company is looking for in an employee. A major highlight for the clients was seeing the imported cars, like brand new 2017 Lamborghinis and 2017 McLarens. A client noted that seeing the work environment boosted his confidence, motivated him, and made him feel more at ease with the job-searching process. The tour gave clients a vision of where they could end up after completing MND's training.



Clients, pictured here with Rod Pickens, enjoyed touring the logistics company and seeing in action what they have been learning in their training at MND.

[We need more men's ties and shirts! Click here to learn more about donating professional clothing items to MND.](#)

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