

TASTE&TOAST 2026

In Pursuit of the Win

Winning isn't everything — but the drive to achieve it defines us. Join us for a fun evening celebrating those who live boldly in the pursuit of the win.

JUNE 9, 2026
Crestmont Country Club





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JVS is committed to helping individuals build brighter futures through meaningful employment, skills development, and economic opportunity. Financial hardship continues to affect many of the communities we serve, with rising living costs making it increasingly difficult for families to achieve stability and make ends meet. Access to quality jobs that offer competitive wages, benefits, and opportunities for career advancement is critical to long-term financial security and independence.

Through personalized career coaching, workforce training programs, educational workshops, and strong partnerships with local employers, JVS helps individuals overcome barriers. By strengthening both job seekers and the workforce, JVS fosters economic mobility and creates opportunities for lasting success.

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Community Service Award &
JVS Client Experiences

Jeremy Marshburn

eXpack

Keina Morris Sykes

Daphney Edouard

Sideline Chat

Mike Tannenbaum interviewed by **Joe Leccese**

Wrap Up

Thank you and good night!

Featured Guest

Mike Tannenbaum

ESPN Front Office Insider and Analyst, former Executive Vice President of the Miami Dolphins, and former Executive Vice President and General Manager of the New York Jets, Mike will engage in a “Sideline Chat” with **Joe Leccese**, one of the country’s preeminent attorneys in sports and media.



Honorees

David Picon

Outgoing President of the Board of Trustees and member of the firm of Proskauer.



eXpack USA

Long-time community service partner of JVS’s Disability Services program, eXpack is an innovative leader in product packaging.



Special Guests

Members of the JVS Board of Trustees

These members have helped make JVS a leader in work force development: Ray Blau, Mort Bunis, Caren Ford, Robert Francis, Steve Geltzeiler, Alexis Goldberger, Glenn Langberg, Barry Milstein, and Richard Zucker. Our heartfelt thanks go to these board members who are concluding their service, whose contributions have helped shape our success.





Special Guests: JVS Clients

Jeremy Marshburn


If you've ever walked through the doors of JVS in Montclair chances are Jeremy was one of the first people to greet you with a smile. A valued member of our Extended Employment Program for more than 10 years, Jeremy brings enthusiasm, positivity, and a strong work ethic to everything he does. He loves being productive, earning a paycheck, and often goes out of his way to share his accomplishments with staff. We're proud to celebrate Jeremy and the energy, dedication, and happiness he brings to our community every day!

Keina Morris Sykes

Keina Morris-Sykes is a faith-driven author, musician, and entrepreneur whose life blends creativity, service, and purpose. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, and later migrating to the United States in 2015, she has built a life rooted in family, excellence, and impact. Her passion for helping others led her to attend JVS in 2025, where she earned her Home Health Aide and Pharmacy Technician certifications back-to-back. Keina now works at Walgreens as a Pharmacy Technician. Her journey reflects perseverance, faith, and a deep commitment to inspiring every life she touches.

Daphney Edouard

Daphney Edouard has been a client with JVS' Refugee Support Services since June of 2024, shortly after she arrived in New Jersey from Haiti. Daphney was a police officer in Haiti, but because of the extreme level of political unrest and gang violence, she was forced to leave her country. Over the past two years, Daphney received assistance applying for benefits and participated in English classes. This year, she completed JVS's Certified Home Health Aide training as well as our Certified Nursing Assistant training program with ESL. She recently passed the state certification exam. Daphney is currently enrolled in JVS' new EKG and Phlebotomy training class. She is connected to JVS' Career Specialists who will work with her to obtain employment when she completes her training.



Our Impact

In recent years, JVS has made significant strides in expanding its programs and enhancing individualized services. These achievements would not have been possible without the continued support of our community and partners.

Here are a few notable moments that highlight JVS's growth and impact:

- JVS received a \$200,000 Bank of America Neighborhood builders grant (two-year award) to support the development and strengthening of JVS's data systems and leadership.
- The STAR Program built strong employer partnerships for community based activities that includes Tiffany's, Trader Joe's, Lackawanna Station, Barnes & Noble, Raptor's Trust, Montclair Art Museum, MetLife Stadium, and Panera Bread.
- JVS was awarded \$1,000,000 in SNAP STEPS funding for FY26, supporting workforce development and employment services.
- Strong employer engagement led to new partnerships with Krauszer's Church Plaza, Tony's Kitchen, and Woodbridge Aquarium, expanding community based work evaluations and employment opportunities for participants with disabilities.
- Since July 2025 we have served 108 ESL students as well as 25 ABE students.
- We have provided refugee services to 605 individuals since October 2025.
- The Cross River Foundation awarded a \$10,000 grant to JVS's Workforce Development Program to support low-income individuals by funding professional fees and educational materials.
- The EKG & Phlebotomy Technician Program launched with 16 participants, expanding JVS's healthcare training offerings and further strengthening workforce pathways in allied health fields.

IMPACT!
In 2025, JVS
served 5,416
people

JVS helped 107
people receive job
related
credentials, and
210 people were
placed in new
jobs.

At JVS, we have one focus.

We help people who face challenges to employment by working with them to prepare for, find, and keep a job.

Here's how we do it:

Adult Basic Education. Our classes prepare adults to take the high school equivalency exam and earn a high school diploma.

Career Services and Guidance. We help people develop future work plans, learn job-seeking strategies, and secure jobs.

Certified Job Skills Training. Free training to individuals with low-to-moderate incomes that leads to industry-recognized credentials in high-demand career fields.

Corporate Training. We work with employers to implement training classes that upskill existing staff to develop professionally.

Disability Services. From evaluations through job placement and job coaching, we prepare adults with disabilities for community employment.

Employer Services. We help employers solve critical staffing needs through training, individual placement, and customized production services.

English as a Second Language. From beginner to advanced, we help foreign-born people learn English.

Refugee Services. Our multilingual staff helps people gain stability in their new homeland.

Students Loans and Grants. We help Jewish students afford higher education with interest-free loans and grants.



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