



Youth Services City Year

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City Year Enjoys Great Partnership with JMT Consulting Group

Here in the United States, a student gives up on school every 26 seconds. And the statistics surrounding the future of high school drop outs are dismal: drop outs are three times more likely than college graduate to be unemployed, eight times more likely to be in jail or prison than high school graduates, and the more than 12 million students projected to drop out over the next decade will cost the nation \$3 trillion in the coming decades.

These students have been identified, if they exhibit at least one of three off-track indicators – poor attendance, unsatisfactory behavior, and/or course failure in math and English – as early as the 6th grade, they have less than a 25% chance of graduating from high school. Sadly, 50% of our nation's dropouts come from 12% of our nation's schools.

City Year looks to help students and schools in high-poverty communities by uniting young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them skills and opportunities to change the world. The City Year team members, who are between 17 and 24 years old, work with students throughout the school day – from before the school bell rings until the last children leave the after-school programs they help run.

Kathleen Donahue, City Year VP and Controller, is excited about City Year's significant expansion to meet its impact goals.

Increased funding means increased reporting, federal compliance complexities and state level reporting, Donahue notes, "Each state commission has its own requirements and we need to be in compliance with all of them."

Five years ago City Year began working with JMT Consulting. JMT assisted Donahue with setting up Sage MIP Fund Accounting, "They helped us set up a chart of accounts so that we would have a system that could accommodate future growth as well as address our immediate needs."

In addition to multiple sources of funding, Donahue must also manage information coming in from 25 City Year sites across the country. "JMT understands accounting, the software, technology and nonprofits," notes Donahue.

"With all the complexities of our organization, it's nice to have a great business partner like JMT to support us," Donahue reports. "They are very helpful, very responsive, and they helped us develop and improve our financial reporting which allows me to provide timely and accurate information to our board and other stakeholders."

With their systems and support network in place, City Year can focus on its first priority, attending to at risk students and helping them reach graduation while developing young leaders who contribute to creating a better future.



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