

August Community Champion

This month we are highlighting Kay Grimm as our Community Champion. The Community Champion is nominated by the IPS Team for actively contributing to the success of members of the Dekalb Community. Kay's communication with the IPS Team has been an asset to those involved in the program. Kay is the Manager at The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center in Dekalb.

What's the best part about working for The Salvation Army? *To know the work I do is helping people even if they don't know."*

What would you like the Dekalb Community to know about The Salvation Army? *"The Dekalb County thinks the Salvation Army is out to get a buck. We are a not-for-profit. Once bills are paid, money goes to Rockford's rehabilitation center for men, the food pantry, Christmas gifts and other events in the community."*

Visit both Salvation Army locations in Dekalb to donate, shop, volunteer or access resources:

- The Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center -
1814 Sycamore Rd, DeKalb, IL 60115
- The Salvation Army Dekalb Corps Community Center-
830 Grove St, DeKalb, IL 60115

Client Champion Quote

This month's client champion was nominated by the IPS team for their continued efforts and consistent engagement despite adversity.

How has IPS helped you in your journey to employment? *"My Employment Specialist didn't give up on me. Even when I was frustrated and wanted to give up."*

What would you say to someone who is considering participating in IPS? *"Even though it's hard keep going. You'll find a job you like."*



IPS STATS

- Clients served by Ben Gordon Center: 55
- BGC clients employed: 25
- Jobs started by BGC clients in August : 5
- Countries/regions outside the US in the IPS Learning Community: 7
- US programs reporting this quarter in the IPS Learning Community: 339

8 Key Principles of IPS

- Zero Exclusion
- Worker Preferences
- Integrated Services
- Competitive Employment
- Rapid Job Search
- Benefit Planning
- Systematic Job Development
- Time-Unlimited Supports

IPS Principle of the Month

Time-Unlimited Supports

While participating in IPS, job supports are individualized and continue for as long as each client wants and needs the support. While employed, Employment Specialist continue to have face to face contact with clients at least monthly.

Still unsure if IPS is right for you?
Have additional questions?
For more information contact:
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Upcoming Events

NIU All-Majors Internship and Job Fair

Northern Illinois University will be hosting a job fair that is open to students, alumni and the general public. This opportunity will allow individuals to connect with employers for internships, full-time, part-time, and student employment positions.

Bring printed copies of your resume to share with potential employers.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

| 1:00PM -4:30PM |

NIU Convocation Center
1525 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115

Client Champion Quote

**How has your mental
health improved since
engaging in IPS?**

*"It's improved quite a bit.
Just getting out of the
house is a big step forward
for me."*