For the past five years, the programs and people of Curt’s Café have been transforming lives: In that short period, over 185 underserved students have moved from hopelessness and at-risk behaviors to personal strength and hope, guided by professionals and dedicated volunteers who have encircled them with a carefully structured program of work and life skill opportunities, a broader vision of their future, and—quite simply, love.

"The experience of supporting our young students through the Curt’s Café Mission gives us such an incentive for growing our brand. A bright future awaits us as we continue this valuable work."

Board President, Rick Marsh
The larger community of Evanston and the North Shore have responded enthusiastically and warmly to our mission. Our volunteer pool of 30 continues to grow, allowing us to increase catering sales, maintain and audit accounting books, pay bills, keep our cafes inviting, and most importantly, educate our students in subjects such as interviewing, safe sex, domestic violence, legal rights, and much more. An active Board of Directors meets monthly, professionals who too are passionate about the work we do and help us reach success on all fronts. Quite simply, our students have struggled alone; but with your help, their lives are being truly transformed!

Good feelings aren’t enough; Curt’s tracks the achievement of goals such as stable housing, school continuance, job placement, and even staying out of prison. Our students boast a 3% recidivism rate, vs the state rate of 86% for youth. Eighty-two percent of Curt’s students are getting jobs or staying in school! Our students’ journeys are not without struggle, yet so many have succeeded!

195 students have been through the program • 30% have children of their own • 80% are homeless or in unsafe housing when entering program • 63% are actively in jobs • 10% are currently in program • 10% are currently looking for jobs • 13% we continue to work with on life skills and job placement • according to the Justice Policy Institute the cost to incarcerate one young adult per year is approximately $148,767 versus Curt’s cost per student which is $8,334 per year, a savings of $140,433 savings per student, per year.

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Curt's is a branch provided for those who only receive weeds.
Sponsors and partners in job placement have been essential to our success, as have other local non-profits who have shared programming with us, offering increased opportunities for our students. And, of course, our faithful donors who have contributed in so many ways to help our students stay on a successful path.

We welcome your support!

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