# JVS SoCal Points of Distinction

## Providing Hope and Economic Opportunity For All

Spring 2018

- An 87-year legacy of service to our diverse community
- Recognized by Mayor Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council and Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles Business Journal for the excellence of our proprietary job training programs
- 240 skilled and dedicated staff members, delivering services from over 20 sites throughout Los Angeles County
- Assisting close to 33,000 clients each year, with an additional 17-20,000 individuals accessing our services, totaling over 50,000 people
- Nearly 15,000 of our clients are transitioning from welfare to work
- Since their launch in 2006, the three JVSWorks® programs have placed 1,460 graduates —a combined 81% placement rate. At an average starting salary of \$38,600, aggregate graduate earnings are well over \$56 million, at a per-student cost of \$5,100, this represents a 7 to 1 social return on investment
- Since World War II, JVS SoCal has served returning veterans
- The JVS Veterans First program has been recognized with the prestigious *Seal of Distinction* by Activision/Blizzard's Call of Duty Endowment, a respected national advocate on veterans' services and employment
- JVS SoCal operates the first-ever Veterans AJCC (America's Job Center of California) at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in downtown Los Angeles
- By 2018, JVS SoCal was operating 4 America's Job Centers of California in West L.A., Lancaster, Palmdale and at Patriotic Hall
- Since 1931, JVS SoCal has helped immigrants and refugees from around the world.
   From German and Shanghai immigrants at the end of WWII to Cuban refugees in the 70's and Soviet Jews in the 80's, followed by Cambodians and Vietnamese and most recently, those impacted by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

- Beginning in the late 1940's, JVS SoCal became an advocate and innovator in the fields of rehabilitation, workplace accommodation and fair employment practices, writing to President Roosevelt about discrimination in the railroad industry
- JVS Grossblatt Skills Assessment Center is the only facility in Southern California offering full evaluation services to individuals who are blind and visually impaired and is accredited by CARF, the internationally recognized Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- For two decades, WoMentoring has offered free career mentoring to women, empowering them to advance in their careers
- Since its founding in 1972, the JVS Scholarship Program has awarded over \$8.5million in need-based scholarships to 4,600 Jewish college students
- In 2018, JVS SoCal will produce two major fundraisers: The 21<sup>st</sup> Strictly Business L.A. Awards Luncheon in May and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual WLN Woman to Woman Conference in November

#### **MISSION**

Building better lives, one job at a time by empowering individuals to achieve dignity and economic independence through sustainable employment

#### **VISION**

Thriving communities with hope and economic opportunity for all

### **VALUES**

Respect for individuals and families
Integrity and professionalism in all our interactions
Principled advocacy on behalf of those we serve
Collective and collaborative stewardship
Commitment to uplift communities and serve those in need

Jobs + Vision = Success

