

### Success in the Making

This month, we would like to highlight the success of one of our adolescents, **Mone't J.** Mone't happens to be one of the many youths Child Link serves that will be heading off to college in the fall. She will be attending Northern Illinois University, and will be living on campus in order to "get the full college experience." Mone't has decided to major in Pharmaceutical Studies and has a definite interest in pursuing a Pre-Med education. She will also be part of the Dynamic Dance Collaborative. We are very proud of her and our other graduates as they start their journeys towards adulthood.



*Mone't J. and a friend at graduation*

### Back to School Time... Again

It's that time of year again, as Child Link launches its Annual School Supply and Clothing Drive. We have several businesses who have volunteered to put a donation box in their office at work including **MB Financial** and **Midwest Generation**. If you would like to learn more about sponsoring or stuffing a backpack, please visit our website at [www.childlink.org/school](http://www.childlink.org/school) or contact **Amanda K.** at 312-377-4735.

Child Link, with the help of Midwest Generation, is sponsoring our first School Supply and Clothing Pass Out at the end of August. Child Link will be inviting our foster parents and children as well as families throughout the community to join us for this event.

### Become a Mentor!

Child Link is re-launching its mentoring program! We are hoping to be up and running by the end of September. We have several people interested in the 6-week mentoring program in which they will connect with one of Child Link's children in order to introduce them to different experiences and new ways of thinking. We encourage those of you interested in this opportunity to contact Child Link to obtain a volunteer packet and apply to become a mentor for one of our great kids!

### Child Link's Summer Internship Program

We would like to congratulate Child Link's **Counseling Program**, as they were one of several programs to receive funding from the state in order to host a Summer Internship Program for a number of kids throughout the community. The focus of this year's program is Wellness and Going Green. In order to give back to the community, the kids are busy cleaning up and beautifying the planter boxes around the trees outside of Child Link's Transitional Living Program. We are extremely excited about this project and cannot wait to see the finished product!



*Internship Program cleanup crew gets busy*

## Job Openings at Child Link

Child Link has several open job opportunities at our Cermak location. Currently, we are looking for:

- a full-time **Bilingual Case Manager**
- a full-time **Treatment Plan Trainer**
- a part-time **Marketing Manager**.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in one of these positions, please visit our website at [www.childlnk.org/employment](http://www.childlnk.org/employment) to learn more about the position and submit an application.

## Graduation is a Time for Celebrating!

This year, Child Link has 11 adolescents who graduated from high school. These young people will be attending colleges away from home and



need our support to help send them on their way. Child Link is asking for monetary or in-kind donations to help offset the

cost of furnishing their dorm rooms as they leave for college in the next few weeks. Please consider making a donation to help our kids get everything they need for a successful school year. You can donate by visiting [www.childlnk.org](http://www.childlnk.org) and clicking "Donate to Child Link" or by contacting Amanda K. at 312-377-4735 ext. 282.

## Child Link's Awareness Campaign

Throughout the month of July, Child Link employees have been visiting the offices of their State Representatives and Senators, along with a few Congressmen, in order to create awareness of Child Link and the work that it does for the children of Chicago and Illinois. We are very excited about this campaign, as we continue to meet with these representatives throughout the month of August.

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