

C.A.R.E. Collaboration 2016 Year in Review

SERVICEWORKS®

- By The Numbers -

- ◆ 22 job trainees
- ◆ 13 trainees as transitional employees
- ◆ 34 weeks of work
- ◆ 340 hours of cleaning
- ◆ 300 bags of cigarettes and trash



- Kudos From The Community -

- ◆ "It's so nice to walk downtown without having to dodge garbage or see cigarette butts everywhere" ~resident with coffee
- ◆ "Keep up the good work, guys!" ~business owner
- ◆ "I just wanted to drop you a note to say how nice it was to see the sidewalks being vacuumed on College Ave" ~resident email to DPW

Joe began as a volunteer, and now is a crew leader on the C.A.R.E. team. Joe has learned self-confidence and leadership skills. He shows pride in his work by regularly performing outreach to other people in need. He also speaks to community members about his job duties and how important it is to him to care for his community. He appreciated meeting ADI and City staff, who treat him like any citizen, not just someone in need.

- Top 5 Most Interesting Things Found -

- ◆ A whole fish in Houdini Plaza
- ◆ A complete Jimmy Johns meal on a bench
- ◆ Underwear
- ◆ Drug scale (turned into APD)
- ◆ Cell phone (turned into APD)

The C.A.R.E. collaboration provides job training and transitional employment opportunities for people in need in Riverview Gardens' ServiceWorks® program. C.A.R.E. (Clean, Assess, Refresh and Enhance) teams supplement existing cleaning services in the downtown BID. Teams conduct peer-led outreach to connect people downtown with ServiceWorks.

Chad began as a volunteer with the C.A.R.E. team, and moved into a crew leader position. He developed leadership skills and demonstrated better responsibility. He graduated from ServiceWorks®, and moved back to his nearby hometown with a job and a sense of direction. Chad said he was proud to be a part of the C.A.R.E. team because it helped him feel like a regular community member, not just "a guy who made poor choices and is in treatment".