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## Niles teens shadow local businesses during Job Shadow Day

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On Friday June 26, the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Niles Teen Center co-hosted the Fifth Annual Job Shadow Day.

Thirteen teens were matched with local businesses based on their skills and interests.

The Job Shadow Day is designed to provide teens with a look into the business world, and show them how their education can translate into a rewarding future. For the local businesses that participated, the Job Shadow Day helped forge personally satisfying connections with young people that could contribute to building a more prepared workplace of tomorrow.

Michael Krone, an eighth grader, 'shadowed' at C&M Auto Service, he liked "to see the car being worked on in the shop and all the tools used."

The Niles Teen Center consists of teens, 6th through 12th grade who choose to have a positive effect on their community. This was a perfect opportunity to show local businesses what great kids live in their own backyard. Just as the teens were impressed with the businesses, the businesses were equally as impressed with the youngsters.

Chuck Hartogh, owner of C&M Auto Service stated he "enjoyed most exposing the youth to the day-to-day operations of our business." Other participating businesses noted the students were "eager and enthusiastic."

The Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Niles Teen Center value partnership and hope to continue to collaborate on future events. The Niles Chamber is

pleased that the following local businesses participated: St. Matthew Center for Health, Niles Animal Hospital, Golf-Mil Animal Hospital, Athletico, C&M Auto Service, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Niles Police Department, and the Village of Niles. For more information to participate as workplace host contact the Niles Chamber (847) 268-8180 or for student information contact the Niles Teen Center (847) 375-8949.

—Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Sony Thomas helping in the dining room before lunch. He worked with the recreation services department at St. Matthew Center for Health.



Katherine De Lara working with nurse Grace Ramos at St. Matthew Center for Health.



Ray Joseph at the Golf-Mill Animal Hospital.



Ralph Joseph doing a ball toss exercise with patients in the Medicare area during the weekly Friday morning group physical therapy session at St. Matthew Center for Health.



Michael Krone and Jeremy Barkan at C & M Auto.