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"This experience made a huge impact in my life because it jump-started my career and helped me realize that I am employable, I can do the work and that people will believe in me and are willing to give me opportunities to learn, grow and to continue to pursue my career goal." –Jimmy, 2015 summer internship participant.

Dear San Francisco Business Leader,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us and our presenting sponsor JPMorgan Chase at the Mayor's Youth Jobs+ Challenge event on **Friday, March, 31st, from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the San Francisco War Memorial, Green Room**, to kick off the 6th annual Mayor's Youth Jobs+ Initiative.

The Mayor's Youth Jobs+ Initiative was created by our organizations along with the San Francisco Unified School District and critical nonprofit and business partners, to provide work opportunities for every San Francisco young person, particularly those who face barriers to success. Our top priority is to create jobs and internships that help young people set foot on a path to a successful future, one that includes a skilled future workforce. We started this initiative in 2012 and have successfully connected more than **34,000 young people** to meaningful work experiences.

Our first work experience is, in many ways, our bridge to adulthood. We learn the importance of showing up on time and getting along with our boss and coworkers. For many young people in America, including those from low-income households, this learning experience has proven inaccessible. They move into adulthood with blank resumes and find that they cannot compete with their peers who were afforded better opportunities.

The Mayor's Youth Jobs+ Initiative is one instrumental way we are making sure our youth can take part in an affordable and prosperous San Francisco. We both believe in critical investment in our young people, for their personal growth and for the economic growth of our City.

To that end, we ask for your support by providing funding, jobs and/or internships for our young people. If you are interested in becoming a valued partner of the Mayor's Youth Jobs+ Initiative, we kindly ask for a commitment. [Click here](#) for a listing of sponsorship levels and to pledge your support.

We ask that all committed partners of this effort reach out to fellow employers and businesses to let them know about this great opportunity. Kindly save the date for your chance to publicly announce your commitment on **March 31st at 8:30 a.m. at the War Memorial, Green Room** located at 401 Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor. If you have any questions about the event, or need additional information, please contact Lowell Rice at business.services@sfgov.org.

Thank you for your commitment to ensure the youth of our community have meaningful work opportunities and a chance to thrive. You can browse the results of our 2016 program in this report here: [Mayor's Youth Jobs+ 2016 Report](#). We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor.

Every job for our young people counts!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Edwin M. Lee in black ink.

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor of San Francisco

Handwritten signature of Anne Wilson in black ink.

Anne Wilson
CEO, United Way Bay Area

