

YO! Watts Celebrates Tech Center Upgrade

July has been a busy month at the One Source Youth Opportunity Center in Watts. First off, 24 young people received Job Readiness Certificates. The Center's Ryan Tyiska did a bang up job getting the students job ready! The second item on the July calendar was the grand opening of the newly upgraded Hudson Jeans Technology Center.

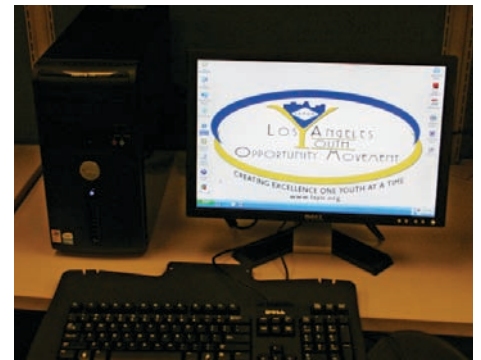
To upgrade the technology center, Hudson Jeans provided 14 flat screen monitors & computers, a 27" plasma TV (mounted on the wall), a color laser printer, and software.

"This is just one more thing in a long line of generous giving that Hudson Jeans has done for us," said Scott Lee, center director. "Hudson Jeans Corporation has also sponsored 11 other activities, ranging from a 3-on-3-basketball tournament to college trips and holiday toy giveaways."



The new tech center was quickly put to use by the 24 young people who worked on their resumes, accessed online job searching and filled out applications, as part of their Job Readiness classes.

The students were all hired for a six-week summer internship with the city's Department of Public Works as Community Administrative Service Worker II's making \$12.62 an hour.



Scott Lee said, "The July activities help fulfill the requirements of our grant. We're off to a great start with double-digit, double outcomes under WIA." (Double-digit, double outcomes means each youth gained two outcomes under the Workforce Investment Act contract.)

But wait...there's more! The following week, seven more young people, certified and job ready were hired by LAX. All these job hires count toward the Mayor's Hire LA 15,000 jobs goal. Good work, YO! Watts!

