



NOTES and NEWS

July 2017



9th Gear Kick-Off

Kicking a ball around with strangers who will soon become friends and mentors was the start of JPA's second year of 9th Gear, a mentoring program that helps 8th graders who may have experienced trauma transition to high school. Research has shown that students who "land" well in 9th grade and adjust to high school are three to four times more likely to earn their high school diplomas.



Left to right: Allison Winchester, Kristin Ulewicz, Mary Anne Abraham, CJ Foster, and Hector Becerra

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the program for mentees to practice skills needed for high school. They'll also receive social support during this critical transition. In addition to a generous amount of donated school supplies, the group has also raised nearly \$2,500 for JPA. We're very grateful for their interest and support.

Chicago White Sox Recognition



On Saturday, July 1st, JPA's Director of Development, Derrick Buckingham, and Staff Therapist, Jenna Kraft, represented JPA during a special recognition ceremony for White Sox grant recipients. Derrick and Jenna were able

to go onto the field prior to the game and meet Number 3--White Sox legend Harold Baines.

Many thanks to Christine O'Reilly-Riordan, Executive Director, Community Relations, and the Chicago White Sox for their continued support and recognition of the crucial work we do on behalf of vulnerable children and families. DePaul MBA Cohort Hosts a Fundraiser for 9th Gear

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