



# NOTES and NEWS

## January 2017:

- 1 **JPA Associate Board's 4th Annual Casino Night** is just weeks away. The fun starts at 7:00 pm on February 11th at the Chicago Cultural Center. Make sure to purchase your ticket for one of Chicago's hottest events and feel good as you "Play for JPA!"
- 2 Many thanks to everyone who came to the Associate Board's first Happy Hour of the year on January 12th at **Joy District**. The Associate Board offers an opportunity for young professionals to network and meet others who are as passionate about social justice and creating opportunities for vulnerable kids to lead better lives. For more information about how to join, please contact Katy at [Khinsdale@jpachicago.org](mailto:Khinsdale@jpachicago.org).
- 3 Students from **KIPP Ascend** serenaded JPA's Board of Directors at their annual meeting on December 15th playing festive holiday tunes. The young musicians ranged in age from 3rd to 8th grade. The string ensemble was led by Ms. Sarah Dupuis. What a great way to ring in the holiday!
- 4 **Mike McCarthy**, the Executive Director of Specialized Services at **Distinctive Schools**, presented to the Board of Directors his team's work bringing social emotional development to elementary and middle school students. As part of his presentation, he outlined how forming a partnership with JPA has leveraged the talents of their social workers. To learn more, read about **JPA's Connect Program**.

