

Junior Achievement Event in South Florida

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As seasoned professional organizers and time management consultants, Golden Circle members give back by mentoring our colleagues and assisting other organizations with our expertise.

In June, members of NAPO South Florida volunteered their services at Junior Achievement (JA) in Palm Beaches. The challenge was to help organize supplies, boxes, files, papers, and furniture in several areas of the JA offices. As volunteer coordinator, I conducted a preliminary meeting in May with the local JA President and her staff. Subsequently, I brought in our Chapter President and Immediate Past President, so the entire chapter board could approve the project.

This event was an opportunity to mentor our colleagues, including many who had never worked in offices. We purposely paired Golden Circle veterans and other NAPO members who have years of experience with our newer colleagues.

We organized the administrative areas, the executive offices, and the warehouse, and reconfigured the reception area to make it more user-friendly and appealing. All five full-time JA staff members participated and graciously treated us to lunch.

Since the event, we've returned to the offices to continue organizing the filing system and will work with JA to assist with time management challenges. A link to JA's website was posted on our chapter webpage to advise that volunteering at Junior Achievement is an ongoing opportunity.

I encourage Golden Circle members to give back to their colleagues and their communities. Being recognized in a profession is to be applauded. Using your experience to advance the lives of others will not only get the word out about NAPO, but will also progress the collaboration we should all strive for.

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