

CAMBRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Mayor Barbara Ackerman
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Madame Mayor:

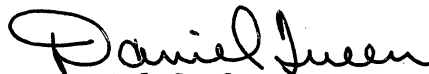
The Summer of 1972 proved to be a successful one for youth employment in our city. The Mayor's Summer Employment Program, the SCRUB Program, and the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program all ran smoothly employing some 740 youths between the ages of 14-17. The Cambridge Summer Jobs Program run by the Chamber of Commerce found jobs for 210 youths between the ages of 16-21 with 85 employers (compared to 85 jobs with 25 employers in 1971).

CSJ proved to be an effective liason between youth and the business community and efforts over the past Summer indicated that CSJ could also serve as a liason between the business community and social service agencies involved in youth employment. This made CSJ a central vehicle to be utilized by youths, businesses and agencies. With the cooperation of these agencies, the Chamber put forth a plan to continue the program which experience proved could function to the benefit of Cambridge youth on a permanent basis. That mechanism is now functioning as the Youth Employment Project and I have been hired by the Chamber to direct its efforts.

The YEP is totally dedicated to the solution of employment problems of Cambridge youth. Our goal is simply to find and/or develop jobs for youths primarily in the 16-25 age group. During our first three weeks of operation we have developed 35 jobs in Federal stay-in-school programs and 15 jobs in the Cambridge Business community.

As a representative of the people of Cambridge you are probably plagued with requests for assistance in employment-related situations. Our office is presently understaffed but we would like you to feel free to stop in, call, or refer individuals needing help to the office located at 720 Mass. Ave. #4 (547-4425). We have only begun to pierce the outer surface of the enormous task facing us and will appreciate any assistance you might render.

Sincerely,



Daniel G. Queen

Director

Youth Employment Project

Communication from Camb. Chamber of
Commerce-The Mayor's Summer Employ-
ment Program.

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