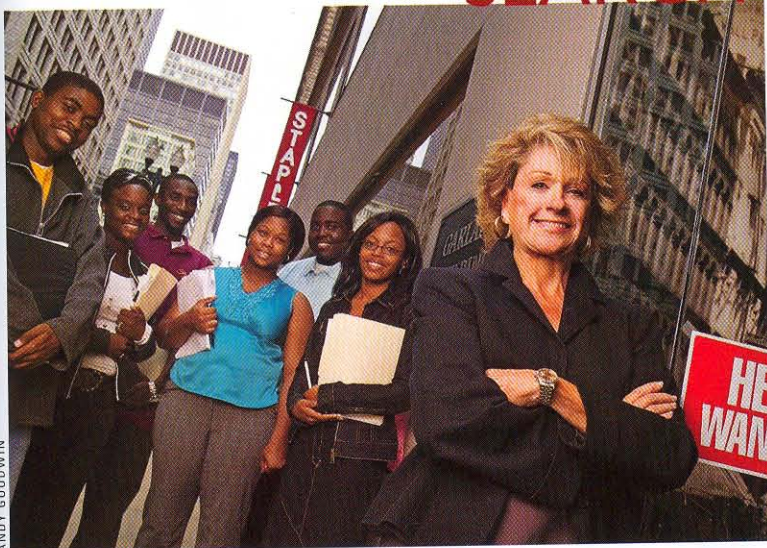


JOB SEARCH



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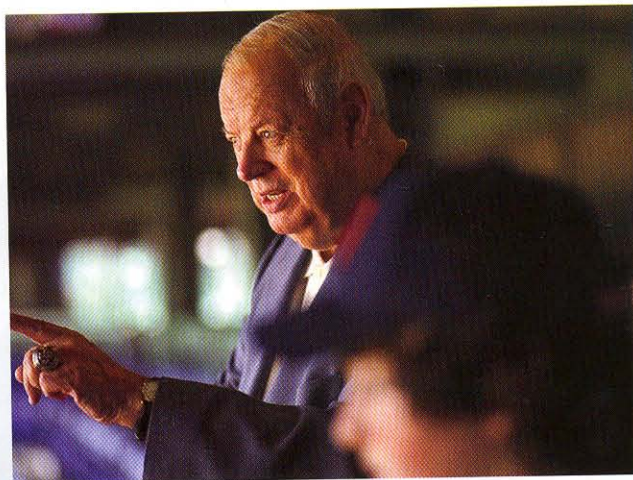
Fresh out of prison, the young man might've been a casualty of society. Living in a halfway house, nothing in his pockets, he enrolled in the Jobs for Youth Chicago program. He landed a job and apartment, and reconnected with his daughter. "I've heard this story a thousand times and it touches me every time," says Darlene Chaleff, president of the non-profit organization, which is devoted exclusively to helping

youth ages 17 to 24 find employment. "There's a huge population out there doing nothing, not because they don't want to, but because they don't know how," says the member of Chicago's **410 Club and Conference Center**. "When kids don't have direction, it's easy to go the wrong way." The core program includes pre-employment training, job placement, GED instruction, and supportive services. Workshops include writing résumés and conducting mock interviews with local businesspeople. A clothes closet provides appropriate attire. "We even offer money and life management counseling," Chaleff adds. The organization works with about

500 Chicago-area employers to match 1,000 to 1,500 of its "graduates" a year, with an 80 percent retention rate. "Our kids are so well trained, so job-ready, that some employers will hire only from us," Chaleff reports proudly. Onboard since the organization's birth in 1979, she is determined to up the budget so she can increase the number of Chicago's employed youth: "This is just a ripple." — *Mary Sue Lawrence*

BASEBALL MEMORIES

Something unexpected happened on Lou Gorman's way to writing a book about his experiences during a career in professional baseball spanning four decades. One book wasn't enough. It took two. The first, *One Pitch From Glory: A Decade of Running the Red Sox*, was published in 2005. It chronicles his 10-year stint from 1984 to 1993 as general manager of the Boston Red Sox, highlighted by Boston's heartbreaking loss to the New York Mets in the 1986 World Series. "About seven years ago, I decided I'd write when I had some time. I wanted to go back and cover my life in baseball," recalls the 77-year-old Gorman, an executive consultant in public affairs for the Red Sox and a member of **Boston College Club** in Boston. "When I submitted the manuscript, the publisher just wanted to do the Red Sox part of it. So we turned that into the book *One Pitch From Glory*." He supplemented the original manuscript for his second



DAVID SHOPPER

book, *High & Inside: My Life in Baseball*, a fall 2006 release concentrating on the period from 1963 to 1984 when he served as an executive in player operations and development for the Baltimore Orioles, Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, and New York Mets. "Writing brings back memories of people I've worked with," Gorman says. "There were so many great people — scouts, managers, and players." — *Steve Wilson* ►►