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## Joe's Movement Emporium receives State Farm Grant to support job development for at-risk county youth

**Mount Rainier, MD, June 10, 2015** –Joe's Movement Emporium today received a \$5,000 *Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company Grant* from the State Farm Companies Foundation to support its Theater Tech Program (TTP). TTP is a workforce development initiative that supports at-risk youth ages 16-21 in Prince George's County, MD. The program provides youth with technical instruction in theater production, operation and digital media. Paired with critical supports that include college exploration, life skills coaching and real work experience, TTP gives participants life and employability skills toward a successful future.



The grant was presented by Public Affairs Specialist, Erin Bailey and State Farm Agent Mark McGibbon at TTP's student Showcase Graduation by the PGCP's Office of Career Academy Programs to recognize excellence in experiential learning opportunities for students and is the highest honor given out each year. Pictured above are (from left)

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**About Joe's:** Joe's Movement Emporium, Prince George's County's largest independent performing arts center, serves as the artistic base to over 25 artists and arts group of all disciplines. Complete with black box theater, three dance studios and an arts education wing, the facility serves nearly 70,000 individuals annually. Joe's utilizes arts as a vehicle for cultural enrichment, economic growth, progressive education and workforce training, serving 3,500 youth last year alone.

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