



## Resources for Schools: Sample Letter to School Families

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to share with you a new program being implemented at \_\_\_\_\_ this year. Teaching Together Chicago brings together the neighborhood Catholic School, young adults with disabilities and local social service agencies.

Young adults with disabilities will be hired as interns, working in 10 week segments for up to 16 hours a week. The social service agencies will be responsible for job coaching and mentoring. \_\_\_\_\_ will identify where the interns will work best within our school community.

What is so exciting is that the gifts and skills of young adults with disabilities will be recognized and utilized within our school. The social service agencies will share their expertise. \_\_\_\_\_ will become more inclusive and at the same time have additional resources.

How blessed we are that this is occurring at the time of Parish Revitalization for the Archdiocese and the Year of Mercy for the Universal Church.

Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions about this wonderful opportunity for our school community. Additionally, if you would like more background information on the Teaching Together program, please visit the Teaching Together website at [www.TeachingTogetherChicago.org](http://www.TeachingTogetherChicago.org).

*“All persons with disabilities have the capacity to proclaim the Gospel and to be living witnesses to its truth within the community of faith and offer valuable gifts”- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005*