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Youth could be served

The Jan. 3 article “The 2 worlds of young adults” highlights a critical issue that many young people from low-income families face: getting a first job.

The ramifications of unemployment go beyond just the loss of income. We know that young people who work are far more likely to graduate high school, pursue higher education and achieve greater earning power as adults.

Last year, the city received more than 143,000 applications for roughly 35,000 slots in our Summer Youth Employment Program. About 1,500 of those slots came thanks to \$2 million in private contributions.

To better meet the demand for summer jobs, the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City hopes to attract even greater private-sector support. By contributing to SYEP, our partners are giving city youth the opportunity to help out with bills at home, save for college and support local businesses. Donations to SYEP can help drive our economy forward today by making an investment in the adult work force of tomorrow.

—Jeanne B. Mullgrav

Commissioner

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