

Helping young adults get “out of a jam” is my life’s passion.



Join us in transforming young lives in our community by

**Purchase our jam**

Every purchase of our gourmet jams supports job training for young adults returning to high school.

**Invite us to your event**

Let the JAMM Food Truck cater your next event with delicious food prepared and served by our students.

**Donate**

Your financial contribution helps us train and employ students, preparing them for economic independence.

**Volunteer**

Work directly with youth or behind the scenes to support Out of a Jam’s life-changing programs.

**Out of a Jam’s mission is to develop culinary, vocational, and life skills in young adults through mentoring and compassion.**

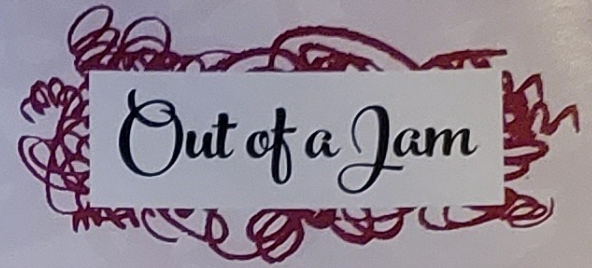
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*Feeding  
Nourishing  
Transforming*

When a detour in my life led me to a retail job to pay the bills, I met many hard-working people who struggled financially while holding two or three minimum-wage jobs. I vowed to find a way to help those who had fallen through the cracks.

Through the grace of God, I was led to a group of young men and women who were returning to high school after dropping out. Filled with hope for a better future, these young adults inspired me to combine my love of cooking with a deep desire to make a difference. Out of a Jam was born.

Thank you for joining me in this quest to feed, nourish, and transform young lives!

Paula Kaufman, Founder and President  
Out of a Jam, Inc.

# WE TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES

## Training

Young adults who drop out of or are removed from high school face limited options. At Out of a Jam, we engage youth who have returned to school to get their diploma and equip them for success.

Students make gourmet jams in a commercial kitchen at our 8-week Essentials class. They earn Certified Food Handler status and learn basic communication, time management, and customer service skills.

## Support

Many of the young adults we serve are “in a jam.” Years of abuse, homelessness, or addiction have shattered their confidence and self-esteem.

In Out of a Jam’s compassionate environment, youth are empowered to make healthy decisions in the face of negative influences.

## Hope

The most important ingredient in Out of a Jam’s recipe for success is hope.

When young adults can envision a path out of despair, they are filled with hope and a desire for a better future.

We provide the tools, support, and guidance to transform young lives.



## What We Do

### Skills

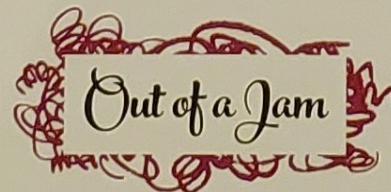
Each year we help students learn how to develop resumes, handle money and communicate on the job through our Essentials class.

### Jobs

Out of a Jam’s operations employ dozens of students and alumni through one or more of our programs.

### Feeding Others

Food that is nearing expiration is rescued from all over the community. Our students use it to create nutritious and great-tasting meals, then distribute the food to the hungry.



July 20, 2021

Hello Friends,

As most of you know, Out of a Jam launched its newest initiative called Feeding Fort Wayne™ in January 2021 as a response to a growing hunger problem in our community and to address the continuing challenge of food waste.

Since January, the students and volunteers at Out of a Jam have produced over 18,000 servings of nutritious meals that have been distributed through 16 churches and humanitarian organizations with over 1000 servings donated to the VA Hospital Food Pantry. Our students have been able to work 1500 hours at an average of \$14 per hour toward this effort and we have had over 250 volunteer hours already this year dedicated to Feeding Fort Wayne™! God is Good!

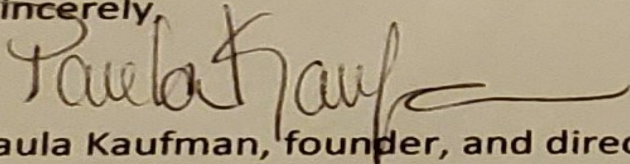
For Out of a Jam to continue to make this a sustainable and scalable long-term program, we will need the help of community partners who share our vision of transforming the lives of young adults through mentoring and compassion while providing important meals for the underserved in our city. Our process will enable us to provide over 50,000 servings in 2021 and up to 100,000 servings in 2022.

Food for the hungry! Employment for challenged young adults! Tons of food kept from the landfills! All with the story of victory in Jesus woven into the daily process.

Won't you consider adding Out of a Jam as a mission's partner? Would you like to learn more of our story? I or someone from the Out of a Jam board would love to schedule a time to visit with your missions' team or talk to your congregation.

Feeding, Nourishing and Transforming lives here in Fort Wayne!

Sincerely,



Paula Kaufman, founder, and director

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