

Youth Shelter News

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER & FAMILY SERVICES, Inc. (CCYS)

“Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment.”

Winter 2008

Southwest Airlines supports Safe Place

Dinner auction to feature plane tickets

The Clark County Youth Shelter will have its 5th Annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner on Dec. 11, 2008, in the Jeffersonville Optimist Club. The dinner is one of two major fundraisers the shelter hosts each year to raise money for programs such as Anger Management, Shoplifting Prevention, Safe Place and the Residential Program.

“Each year, we gather friends, family and businesses that support our mission to help youth and families in our community for a really fun event,” said Amy Schneidau, Assistant Director for the shelter. “We’ve been blessed that businesses like Southwest Airlines have donated items to us that will raise money to keep our programs thriving.”

The Jeffersonville Optimist Club and the Optimist Club Foundation have been major supports for the event each year, as well, by providing the space for the event and money to purchase dinner supplies.

The event, called “Celebrity” Waiter as a tip-of-the-hat to specific individuals who are “stars” in the eyes of the shelter, features a live auction, silent auction and a dinner of gourmet appetizers, finger foods and desserts. A few tickets are still available, and can be purchased for \$30 each by calling Amy Schneidau at 284-5229.



CCYS welcomes new counselor!

The Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services, Inc. welcomed Dorothy Hickerson to the family of staff in August. Ms. Hickerson is a masters-level licensed counselor and has taken the position of Residential Director/Counselor. As such, she provides individual counseling with the youth residing in the shelter, family counseling and weekly group sessions to discuss topics of concern among today’s teens. In addition, Ms. Hickerson serves as a liaison between the shelter and various agencies with whom the shelter collaborates, including schools, probation departments and the Department of Child Services. A native of Jeffersonville, Ms. Hickerson says she is excited to be able to provide this valuable assistance to the youth in her community. We’re so glad to have you here, Dorothy!



News & Notes



Local groups bring goodwill throughout the year



Ogle Foundation grants \$25,000 for renovation

The Paul Ogle Foundation, Inc. awarded the Clark County Youth Shelter a grant of \$25,000 to finish a series of renovations that will bring the shelter completely up-to-date. The money allowed for the removal of a tree, repouring of sidewalks, installation of a stair-railing, dry-walling of two bedrooms, and complete remodel of a bathroom, among other renovations. The work was done throughout the summer and into the fall months by contractor Upton Pry, Inc., who has done previous extensive renovations to the more than 100-year-old facility. Thank you, Ogle Foundation!

Rock Creek Academy donates time

About 24 eighth-graders and several faculty and parents from Rock Creek Academy in Sellersburg donated an entire day of labor to help spruce up the shelter this past spring. The group spent the day painting, cleaning, and rearranging as part of a social service project.



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Food For The Hungry

Kentucky Harvest provides food for CCYS , others

Since 1987, Kentucky Harvest has been collecting leftovers and donations of food to provide to the hungry or less fortunate in Kentuckiana. For two years now, CCYS has been a partner with Kentucky Harvest,

receiving literally tons of food to provide our youth. In 2008 (from January through November), the shelter received 6,167 pounds of food!!!

Please support Kentucky Harvest in their mission to feed

the hungry and know that with your support, you are helping the shelter as well!

For more information, contact Kentucky Harvest at 1-800-USA-4Food.

Community goes above and beyond for shelter

The Jeffersonville Knights of Columbus donated more than \$900 from Bingo proceeds to be used for activities for the youth.

Youth and members of the First Baptist Church in Jeffersonville assisted the shelter in several ways over the past year. In the spring, church members gathered to build a garden box in the shelter's backyard and planted tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, and other veg-

etables and flowers. Following their annual Vacation Bible School, the church presented the shelter with a check for more than \$900 and items for the residents that were collected by the youth of the church.



New Washington resident Daniel Robison became Santa Claus in July with a donation of a new television, surround-sound system, Wii game system, several games and an entertainment stand.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS! WE COULDN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU!

Youth Count: 40 Developmental Assets

1. Family Support-Family life provides high levels of love and support.

2. Positive Family Communication-Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.

3. Other Adult Relationships-Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.

4. Caring Neighborhood-Young person experiences caring neighbors.

5. Caring School Climate-School provides a caring, encouraging environment.

6. Parent Involvement in Schooling-Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.

7. Community Values Youth-Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.

8. Youth as Resources-Young people are given useful roles in the community.

9. Service to Others-Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.

10. Safety-Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.

11. Family Boundaries-Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts.

12. School Boundaries-School provides clear rules and consequences.

13. Neighborhood Boundaries-Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.

14. Adult Role Models-Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.

15. Positive Peer Influence-Young person's best friends model responsible



Building Up Youth

behavior.

16. High Expectations-Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.

17. Creative Activities-Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.

18. Youth Programs-Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.

19. Religious Community-Young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.

20. Time at Home-Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.

21. Achievement Motivation-Young person is motivated to do well in school.

22. School Engagement-Young person is actively engaged in learning.

23. Homework-Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.

24. Bonding to School-Young person cares about her or his school.

25. Reading for Pleasure-Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.

26. Caring-Young person places high value on helping other people.

27. Equality and Social Justice-Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.

28. Integrity-Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.

29. Honesty-Young person "tells the truth even when it is not easy."

30. Responsibility-Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.

31. Restraint-Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.

32. Planning and Decision Making-Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.

33. Interpersonal Competence-Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.

34. Cultural Competence-Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.

35. Resistance Skills-Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

36. Peaceful Conflict Resolution-Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

37. Personal Power-Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me."

38. Self-Esteem-Young person reports having a high self-esteem.

39. Sense of Purpose-Young person reports that "my life has a purpose."

40. Positive View of Personal Future-Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

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