

Youth Shelter News

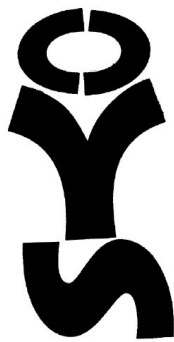
A NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER & FAMILY SERVICES, Inc. (CCYS)

"Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment"

Fall/Winter 2012

CCYS in 2012 Year in Review

A lot can happen in a year, and 2012 brought challenges and changes to CCYS. Beginning in January, modifications in the way per diem rates were calculated and paid by the Department of Child Services for court-ordered youth left the shelter reeling with a 59% cut in our largest funding source. While this event devastated many other emergency shelters around the state (several residential providers closed their doors permanently, and many others "suspended" their services due to the funding crisis), CCYS was able to "tighten the belt" and sustain all programming, serving nearly 200 youth over the past 10 months in our Residential Program. This feat can only be attributed to the careful guidance over our 26 years by a diligent and fiscally responsible Board of Directors and the incredible support of the local community, with both monetary and in-kind donations keeping us operational.



Staffing changes were another "theme" for the year, with the hiring of several new direct care workers and a new Residential Director/Counselor. Sarah Jackson, a graduate of Spaulding University with a Masters in Clinical Psychology, joined the CCYS staff in May as the full time counselor providing essential crisis counseling to the youth placed in our care. Sarah, who has more than 15 years experience with children and family therapy, jumped right into the mix of our ever-changing resident population and has proven to be a great asset to the agency. Currently, she is working to develop a more intensive Independent Living Skills program to provide a broader knowledge base to residents getting ready to

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Holiday Wish List

Towels
Wash cloths
Twin sheet sets
Travel sized deodorant
Hair Brushes
Arts/crafts kits
Underwear (teen sized-boys/girls)
White twin sized down comforters
Kitchen towels and dishcloths
Bleach
Lysol Cleaning Liquid
Laundry Detergent
Dishwashing Soap
Dishwasher Tabs
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
High Efficiency Light Bulbs
Window Cleaner
Lip balm
Band Aids
Peroxide
Thermometer Covers
Office Depot gift cards
Wal-Mart gift cards
Great Escape gift cards
Zoo gift cards
McDonald's gift cards
Bookstore gift cards
Gas cards
Bead/Jewelry kits
Plastic Storage Containers
Plastic Storage Bags
Napkins
1" school binders

CCYS in 2012: A Year in Review

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"age-out" of the juvenile system. On a more melancholy note, long-time Youth Work Supervisor Deedra Bartle, who celebrated 12 years of service in June, decided to move on to try new things in November. While the staff is unbelievably sad and disappointed she is leaving, we are excited for her in her new endeavors.

Looking forward, a change in administration on the state level always means changes for state funded programs, so CCYS will pay attention to what is going on with legislation in the Capitol. Until then, CCYS is preparing

for our biggest fundraiser of the year (which supports all of our programs):

the annual Holiday Celebrity Waiter Dinner. This event, now in its 9th year, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Market Street in Jeffersonville. Called "Celebrity Waiter", this event is actually made up of local people who volunteer to sell tickets for a table of 10 and entertain them a variety of ways for tips throughout the evening. The waiters choose a theme for their table and encourage their guests to partici-

pate in that theme. Live and silent auction items are available for guests to bid on for last minute Christmas gifts, and gourmet appetizers, entrees and desserts are the highlight of the evening. This year, the UPS Foundation provided a generous sponsorship. Other opportunities for participation, including table sponsors, waiter opportunities, or silent or live auction item donations are available and needed!

Contact Amy Schneidau at 812-284-5229 for more information about the event. Cost to attend is \$40 per ticket.



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Safe Place gets a new look

In April, National Safe Place announced the launch of their updated brand logo. The Safe Place® logo not only signifies the organization's corporate brand image, but also represents local safe havens for youth in crisis in communities across the country. The Clark County Youth Shelter is the Safe Place Agency for Clark and Floyd Counties in Southern Indiana, monitoring and training 88 business sites between the two counties.

"It is crucial for young people in dangerous or threatening situations to know there are trusted people in their communities that can help," said Laurie Jackson, National Safe Place Executive Director. "While maintaining attributes of the original image, the new Safe Place logo aims to stand out in local communities as a source for immediate assis-

tance."

Helping more than 279,000 youth since its inception in 1983, National Safe Place's yellow and black diamond-shaped logo has been the distinguishing symbol for the organization. By preserving the yellow and black diamond shape and incorporating simple imagery, the new look evokes feelings of security and protection. This logo's rebrand is highly significant to the organization as this image is one that should be nationally recognizable amongst youth as place to go for immediate help. With this new design, National Safe Place can ensure that their message will remain clear and its purpose easily comprehensible nationwide.

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Clark County Youth Shelter sheltered 44 youth who sought help



through the Safe Place Program. In addition, Safe Place Coordinator Dalevina Lawson spoke with more than 5,000 youth, educating them on the process for accessing Safe Place should they ever experience a crisis in their home in which they no longer feel safe.

For more information on Safe Place or to have a speaker talk to a group about the program, contact Dalevina Lawson at 284-5229.

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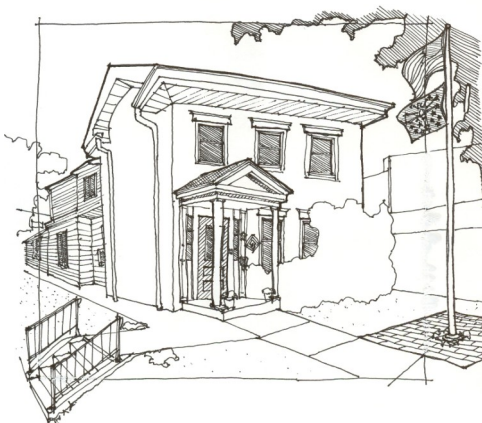
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