



# The Clark Co. Youth Shelter and Family Services

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*“...CREATING A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
TO REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL.”*

## **From the Desk of the Executive Director...**

Our newest program, Youth As Resources, is successfully completing its first year. Youth As Resources (YAR) is a program which distributes grants to youth groups who wish to complete a project which benefits the community. It is a program we are operating in Clark and Floyd Counties in conjunction with the Floyd Co. Youth Shelter. YAR is funded in part by the federal AmeriCorps program and in part through community donations. The funding is utilized for stipends for two part-time YAR Coordinators, direct supplies, and the grants, which are distributed.

Our goal for the first year was to have 15 youth groups complete community service projects. We are happy to report that goal was met. The projects reflected a myriad of community needs. They included: intergenerational services to residents of local nursing homes as well as pre-schoolers, planting flowers to beautify the community, painting and repairing a food and clothing pantry, picking up trash at a park and along the river, and repairing

a playground. This list is certainly not inclusive of all of the 15 projects that were funded, but represents an overview of the wonderful accomplishments of the youth and their adult sponsors.

YAR's successful first year was made possible by the commitment and dedication of several people; our two Coordinators Julie Akridge and Autumn Yonts and the YAR Advisory Board. Adult and youth members of the Advisory Board include Laura Fleming, Emily Klein, Sonnie Anderson, Pat Hunt, Mary Klein, Michael Mand, Christy Schafer, Ami Libs, Kent McDaniel, Vic Megenity, Melinda Russell, Rochelle Wilson, Gwen Moser, Cara McDougal, and Joe Lovings-Watts. We commend each of these individuals for the time and work they devoted to YAR this past year.

We approach our second year with much enthusiasm, but also sadness. One of our Coordinators, Julie Akridge, has decided to leave us when her first year is completed. Julie is a student at Indiana University Southeast majoring in communication. Julie is leaving to pursue an internship in her field of study. We

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will miss her coordination and direction; she is a great asset to YAR.

As we complete year one we are having a Clark/Floyd community wide celebration. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 until 1:30 at St Paul's Parish House (1015 E. Main St., New Albany). Congressman Lee Hamilton will make a keynote speech on the importance of volunteerism. The fifteen funded projects will have a display and the participants will be available to explain their projects and answer questions. We will conclude our celebration with a luncheon. You are invited to attend our first YAR celebration. Please RSVP to either of our Coordinators, Julie or Autumn, at 284-5229.

### A SAFE PLACE GET AWAY

Project Safe Place is holding a raffle to help fund this vital program. The following prizes will be raffled off on August 29<sup>th</sup>:

**The Season's Lodge-Nashville, IN**

One night stay and breakfast for two

**The Brown Hotel-Louisville, KY**

One night stay for two

**Inn at Bethlehem-Bethlehem, IN**

One night stay for two

**Holiday Inn Lakeview-Clarksville, IN**

One night stay and brunch for two

**Ramada Inn Riverside-Jeffersonville**

One night stay for two

**Derby Dinner Playhouse-Clarksville, IN**

**Trellis Café'-Louisville, KY**

Brunch for two

**Honeymoon Mansion-New Albany, IN**

\$20.00 off a one night stay

If you would like to purchase tickets and help Project Safe Place, please call Brenda or Mary at 284-5229. Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you for your help.

### AFTERCARE RESIDENTS CLEAN UP!

The Aftercare successfully completed a clean up of Deam's Lake on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Residents picked up trash around campground sections. This effort was the result of a grant submitted by the Aftercare participants through Youth As Resources.

Thank you to those who participated for helping to clean up our parks so that all may enjoy them!

### RESIDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

August 20<sup>th</sup> marked the first day of school for many of the residents of the Shelter. Most of the residents were eager to return to the world of school. We're pretty sure that their enthusiasm was for friends rather than the return to homework and studying.

The start of school is a time of adjustment for the staff. Through the summer we have been accustomed to the noise and bustle of ten teenagers in the house and at the beginning of school, the house seems very empty and very quiet.

During the school year, residents are required to complete two study periods during the weekdays. Residents may complete homework, study for tests, or read books from the Shelter library. Staff are available during this time to assist the residents with their work.

If you are interested in helping our residents through tutoring, please call Brenda at 284-5229.

### YAR/AMERICORPS HOSTING YEAR- END BASH!

The YAR/AmeriCorps program of Floyd and Clark Counties will be hosting a year's end Big Bash. The Bash will be a celebration of all of the work of the youth groups who have received grant money from the YAR program.

The Big Bash will be held at St. Paul's Parish House at 1015 East Main Street in New Albany, from 11:30am to 1:30 p.m. on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend and help us celebrate the service that the youth have done.

The YAR program of Floyd and Clark Counties is sponsored by both the Floyd and Clark County Youth Shelters to give youth the opportunity to give back to their communities. The program also gives youth the chance to learn leadership and communication skills as well as teaching them cooperation skills with a variety of other people.

The YAR program benefits the community, as well as the youth participants. The youth complete community service projects and demonstrates to the community that youth are our greatest source of untapped energy.

For more information on the Big Bash or the YAR program, please call Julie or Autumn at 284-5229.

### MOMENTS IN AMERICA FOR CHILDREN

Every 8 seconds: a child drops out of school.

Every 10 seconds: a child is reported abused or neglected.

Every 15 seconds: a child is arrested.

Every 24 seconds: a child is born to an unmarried mother.

Every 34 seconds: a child is born into poverty.

Every 35 seconds: a child is born to a mother who did not graduate from high school.

Every 48 seconds: a child is born without health insurance.

Every minute: a child is born to a teenage mother.

Every 2 minutes: a child is born at low birthweight.

Every 3 minutes: a child is born to a mother who received late or no prenatal care.

Every 4 minutes: a child is arrested for drug abuse.

Every 5 minutes: a child is arrested for a violent crime.

Every 5 minutes: a child is arrested for an alcohol-related offense.

Every 17 minutes: an infant dies.

Every 92 minutes: a child is killed by firearms.

Every 2 hours: a child is a homicide victim.

Every 4 hours: a child commits suicide.

From *The State of America's Children 1997 Yearbook*

### YAR/AMERICORPS LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

YAR/AmeriCorps of Floyd/Clark counties is looking for board members. We are looking for both youth and adults from Clark and Floyd counties who are interested in volunteering 4-6 hours of time per month to help change the image of youth in our community.

If you are interested in becoming a YAR board member, please contact Julie or Autumn at the Shelter at 284-5229.

### STREET OUTREACH BEGINS

The Shelter's Street Outreach program began on August 15<sup>th</sup>, in an attempt to educate

youth about the Safe Place program and ensure the safety of all of our community's youth.

Safe Place business cards, listing the address of the Shelter and phone number, were distributed to local businesses where youth can be found. Staff talked to youth about the program and how they can get help in a time of crisis.

A special thank you to all of the participating businesses.

If you are interested in becoming a Safe Place volunteer, business site or just want more information about the Street Outreach or Safe Place programs, please call Christy at the Shelter.

### **GREAT DAY**

Southeast Christian Church and Canaan Missionary Baptist Church of Louisville will be cleaning our upstairs carpets for their Great Day of Service on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

This marks the second year the Shelter has participated in the Great Day of Service. Last year a deck was built in our backyard. The residents spend many days using the deck and having cookouts in the backyard.

### **CONGRATULATION YAR RAFFLE WINNERS!**

YAR would like to thank all of the community members who participated in the YAR raffle and congratulate the winners of this raffle.

The money from the raffle will be going to local youth groups in Floyd and Clark counties to complete community service projects.

Thank you to both Floyd and Clark counties for your support of this fundraiser!

### **WRAPPING UP SUMMER**

The residents have returned to school and are settling into the winter routine, but this summer was full of activities, outings, and adventures.

During the summer months the residents participate in a wide variety of activities. The Shelter maintains a balance between education and fun when scheduling these activities.

This summer's activities included: outings to local parks, an end-of-school rally, visiting Howard Steamboat Museum, cook-outs, drug and alcohol prevention programs, car washes, bowling, visiting the library, and an end-of-summer trip to Kentucky Kingdom and a Back to School picnic.

The trip to Kentucky Kingdom was the highlight of the summer and residents worked hard during fundraisers to raise money for this outing on their own.

Despite all of the fun, residents were anxious to return to school. We are now planning activities for next summer!

### **THIRD ANNUAL BACON'S SALE**

Bacon's and Metro United Way announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bacon's Sale to be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 10am.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and proceeds will benefit Metro United Way Agencies. Although tickets will be for sale at the door, you must purchase your ticket from the Shelter if you would like for your purchase to exclusively benefit the Shelter.

If you would like to purchase tickets, or want more information, please call Brenda at 284-5229.

Thank you for your support of the Shelter in this event!

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**PO**

**Metro  
United Way**

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there's a Way.

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**Saturday, Oct. 4, 1997**

**7 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

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Bashford For The Home, St. Matthews For The Home

Bacons Galleria Benefit Sale

Friday, Oct. 3, 1997

7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

To Accommodate Our Downtown Customer

Tickets are \$5 each

(Ticket Necessary For Admittance)

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Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services

118 E. Chestnut St.

Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Call Brenda Bramble 284-5229

**Grand Prize: 2 Airline Tickets** (Anywhere In Continental U.S.)

Courtesy of **Knights Travel**

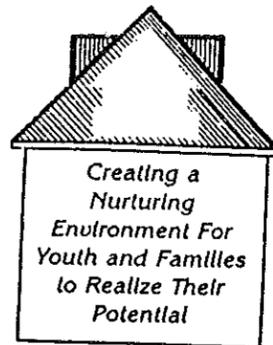


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And Sales Galore

**ANY YOUTH OR YOUTH'S FAMILY  
MEMBER NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH A  
PROBLEM IS ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT  
THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER  
AND FAMILY SERVICES**

284-5229



The Clark County Youth Shelter is a member of:

- Clark County Step Ahead Council
- Clark County Youth Coalition
- Indiana Association of Residential Child Care Agencies
- Metro United Way of Clark County
- National Network of Runaway and Youth Services
- Prevention of Child Abuse, Indianan Chapter

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR WISHES COME TRUE!**

The following items are needed by the Youth Shelter:

Sporting equipment	Hygiene items	School supplies
Office supplies	Craft items	Laundry detergent
Games for Super Nintendo	Sports equipment	Brooms, mops
Computer Software (286)	Underwear, socks, etc.	Plastic Storage Containers
Cookware	Kitchen utensils	Plastic drinking glasses
Towels, wash cloths	Gas grill	Small appliances
Sweatsuits	Paper products	Polaroid 600 film
Aquarium supplies	Tropical fish food	Cleaning supplies

“When we stood, we stood for all of the oppressed people who came before us and generations to come. In our struggle, if we are to bring about the kind of changes that will cause the world to stand up and take notice, we must be committed. There is so much work that needs to be done. Every home and neighborhood in this country needs to be a safe, warm, and healthy place—a place fit for human beings as citizens of the United States. It is a big job, but there is no one better to do it than those who live here. Goodness and change are possible in each and every American citizen. We could show the world how it should be done and how to do it with dignity.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

YES, I WANT TO HELP EVEN THE ODDS FOR THE YOUTH OF INDIANA BY BECOMING A FRIEND OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES WITH MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF:

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PLEASE RETURN TO:

CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES  
PO BOX 886  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131

ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH SERVED BY THE YOUTH SHELTER, WE SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

