

Youth In Need Youth Update



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Give a Brick: A Gift to Last a Lifetime

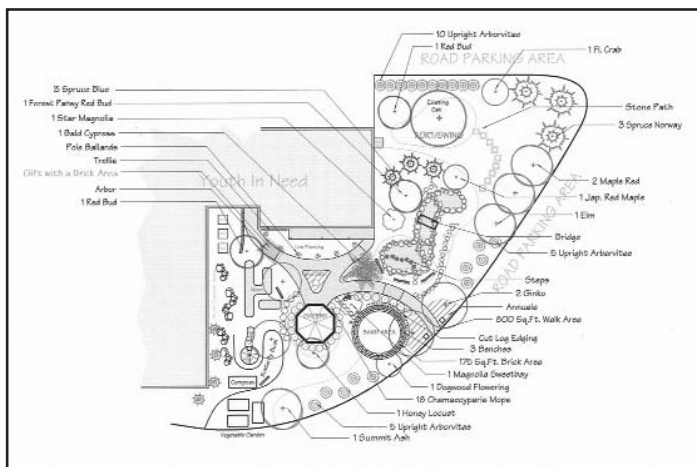
If you've recently driven by Youth In Need's central office on Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles, chances are you've seen a flurry of activity surrounding the east side of the property. Work on Youth In Need's Discovery Garden has begun, and now is your chance to leave a message that will last a lifetime.

The Discovery Garden is an outdoor garden and science learning lab, funded through the generosity of the Monsanto Fund, the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Metro St. Louis and many other community donors. Three volunteer Master Gardeners have designed the landscape and outdoor classroom. The 7,000-square foot area will serve 1,500 children and teens each year. The outdoor classroom will include extensive plant and garden areas in which children will experience hands-on learning about plant, insect and small bird life, as well as grow garden produce. Youth In Need's teachers have developed a curriculum to engage children of all ages in learning about plant life, agriculture and sustainable ecology.

One of the garden's many features is a beautiful stamped concrete walkway, which has room for 600 engraved bricks. Bricks are just \$125 each, and are a wonderful way to remember or pay tribute to a family member, loved one or friend. Your three-line message will be left for thousands of children, families and community members to enjoy. Each line of text on the brick has room for 14 characters (including spaces).

An engraved brick would make a wonderful gift for new graduates, anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, garden lovers and holidays. Honor a family member who has passed away with a forever-remembrance.

Purchase your brick today! Please complete the brick order form at right, cut it out and return to Youth In Need with your payment in the enclosed gift envelope. ■



Left: Youth In Need's Discovery Garden landscape design.

Right: Mandy Kohlfield, ExCEL Teacher, works with her students near the garden's Koi pond.



Left: A young boy pushes a marble into a concrete stepping stone that will be placed in the garden. A recent project allowed children in Youth In Need's Head Start program to design garden stepping stones with help from teens in the ExCEL program.

Right: Two children explore the rocks in the garden's Koi pond.

Garden Brick Order Form

Youth In Need's "Gift with a Brick" campaign allows you to be a permanent part of our Discovery Garden, located at 1815 Boone's Lick Road in St. Charles. Engraved bricks will be placed throughout the Garden, allowing you to recognize children, parents, grandchildren or other special events.

Yes, I would like to purchase ___ engraved bricks at \$125 each, which will be placed in Youth In Need's Discovery Garden. Each brick sponsor will receive a personal recognition certificate, or if you choose a brick as a gift for someone special, Youth In Need will send the recipient a special certificate on behalf of your generosity. (The dollar amount will not be disclosed.)

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Cash Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard AmEx Exp: _____

Account #: _____ Signature: _____

I also would like to receive a 50% state tax credit through the Youth Opportunity Tax Credit Program.

Please print inscription as you wish it to appear on your brick. Each 4x8 brick has three lines (14 characters per line, including spaces).

Please fill in below if your gift is a Memorial or Honorary Gift. Youth In Need should send brick recipient notification to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Believing in the power of potential, Youth In Need's mission is to provide nurturing environments and educational opportunities so children, youth and families will find safety and hope, achieve their goals, and build a positive future.

Founded in 1974, Youth In Need provides residential treatment, early-childhood, outreach, counseling, educational and employment programs to more than 9,000 children, teens and families at 37 sites in eastern Missouri each year. Youth In Need is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

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A Message from the President & CEO



Jim Braun
President & CEO

Dear Friends,

"Of sheep and starfish...."

You might have heard the story of the boy walking on the beach that saves the lives of starfish that had been washed ashore by throwing them back in the ocean. A man asks, "What does it matter when there are so many that will keep being washed ashore?" To which the boy responds as he saves another starfish, "Sir, it matters to this one."

In another story, young sheep are falling off the edge of a steep bank into a river from their

unfenced meadow. A man down river exhausts himself pulling sheep from the water, one after another, when it dawns on him to investigate why the sheep are in the river in the first place. Walking upstream, he sees the opportunity to prevent the danger and assembles people to help build a fence that keeps the sheep safe.

Youth In Need was founded in 1974 to "save starfish." Concerned local citizens started this organization to provide safety, hope and direction for many runaway, homeless or abused and neglected youth who had been stranded by the harshest currents of life. We still do this every day, through our Street Outreach, Project Safe Place, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living, and Foster Care Case Management programs.

But along the way, our organization has also developed programs for the "sheep," those children and youth who we help keep safe through protective and preventive strategies. These include our Community Counseling, Out-of-School Time Programs,

and Head Start and Early Head Start services, which strengthen families and foster positive child and youth development.

Whether helping in a crisis, providing extended help afterward, or preventing crisis, Youth In Need is working extremely hard each and every day to fulfill our mission. Our continued success depends on the commitment of a community of caring individuals that are concerned about both the "starfish" and the "sheep."

If you are newly familiar to Youth In Need, we ask you to contribute your time, talent or financial support. For all that have been a key part of this mission, we ask for your continued help, including recruiting others to join the effort. With ever-expanding support from a community of concerned citizens, Youth In Need will continue to help thousands of children, youth and families to find safety and hope for years to come. ■

Project Safe Place Expands

Project Safe Place is nearing its first anniversary with Youth In Need, and the program has shown great expansion throughout its inaugural year.

Safe Place is a crisis prevention program for children and teens throughout metro St. Louis. When a young person needs immediate assistance, he or she can use one of 182 businesses in the area designated as Safe Place sites. The program is simple: When a young person asks for Safe Place help, the site's employees call Youth In Need's Emergency Shelter. Then, Youth In Need assesses the situation and immediately sends transportation for the Safe Place client. Once the youth reaches the Shelter, the staff offer necessary assistance specific to the incident.

Young people learn about Project Safe Place through school and group presentations, as well as information distributed at youth-related events. As a result, the number of young people using Safe Place has grown steadily. No Safe Place child is turned away. Therefore, this program proves to be a great way for teens to get the help they need in a dangerous situation.

A large number of local businesses have agreed to partner with Youth In Need in the Safe Place initiative. In 2007, 40 new sites have joined the program. Although the Safe Place process is simple, it can make an enormous difference in the lives of the youth in the community. Safe Place gives young people easy access to Youth In Need's services—programs which children and teens may not know are available to them. Safe Place businesses are dedicated to the children throughout eastern Missouri, and display their commitment to youth in the form of a yellow and black Safe Place sign.

The YMCA of Greater St. Louis is one organization that believes in supporting area youth.

"The YMCA of Greater St Louis' 20 branches are in the process of signing up and being trained to be community Safe Places for youth in times of crisis. The YMCA's involvement in the Safe Place initiative reflects our commitment to our communities and the needs of families and children who live in them," said Deb Salls, Executive Director of YMCA at Washington University and Lindenwood University. "We feel the Safe Place initiative is a vital resource for our young people and we want them to know the YMCA is one of many neighborhood organizations looking out for their safety. Youth In Need is providing strong leadership for this initiative and we are glad to be a part of it."

Help us expand Project Safe Place.

- Sign up to be a Safe Place site (\$75 for businesses; \$25 for non-profits).
- Recycle your printer's ink-jet and toner cartridges. Safe Place receives between \$1.50 and \$4.00 for each cartridge recycled.
- Schedule a Safe Place presentation for a school or youth group. The success of Project Safe Place depends on knowledge of the program and how it works. Youth presentations include a video, Safe Place promotional items, age appropriate activities and discussion about Safe Place and smart decision-making.

For more information about how you can help Project Safe Place, please contact Jayna Cardetti, Safe Place coordinator, at 636-946-5600, ext. 251, or jcardetti@youthinneed.org. ■



Sk8 Galaxy is one of the area's newest Safe Place sites. Safe Places sites are identified by the yellow and black Safe Place sign displayed on the building or in windows.

National Safe Place Makes a Large Impact Across the Country

- 98,181 youth have been connected to immediate help and safety at Safe Place locations throughout the United States.
- 15,694 Safe Place sites are available across the country.
- 104,609 youth have received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place school outreach.
- 141 Safe Place programs are operated by youth service agencies.
- 40 states operate Safe Place programs.
- Safe Place serves 714 communities.
- 4,561,244 students learned about Safe Place through classroom presentations.

Crawfish Boil Serves Up a Good Time



One of the highlights surrounding the live auctions at Youth In Need's fundraising events includes specially prepared dinners. Board Member Blaine Vaszily and his wife Lisa donated two crawfish boils at one auction. Recently, Blaine (left) prepared 60 lbs. of

fresh crawfish (flown in live) for Joe Reding and his friends and family. Guests who attend Youth In Need's Golfing for Youth Benefit Tournament on Aug. 13 will have a chance to bid on another crawfish boil, while Blaine wows diners with his culinary talents. ■

Leave Your Legacy with a Planned Gift

Remembering Youth In Need with a gift from your estate is an easy and wonderful way to leave your own legacy. You can make a planned gift by remembering Youth In Need in your Will, naming Youth In Need as the owner or beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account or establishing a Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Charitable Lead Trust.

Thanks to the generosity and expertise of Doug Mueller from MPP&W, Youth In Need held its first of three (during 2007) Leave a Legacy luncheons in May. This informal gathering at Bogey Hills Country Club allowed guests to learn more about how charitable giving saves ordinary income tax dollars, and it provided them simple examples of various Charitable Remainder and Charitable Plus Trusts.

To learn more about this gift option, request the "Creative Ways to Leave Your Own Legacy" booklet, or to be added to the guest list for Youth In Need's next Leave a Legacy lunch, call Marissa Pulizzi, Youth In Need's Senior Director of Development, at 636-946-5600, ext. 254

Youth In Need encourages you to contact your accountant, financial planner or tax advisor when considering the personal benefits and consequences of a planned gift. ■

Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Your Incentive & Advantages
Make a quick gift	Outright gift	Donate cash, securities or other personal property	Income tax deduction; avoid long-term capital gains tax; reduce estate tax liability
Give your personal residence but reserve tenancy	Retained life estate	Deed ownership to Youth In Need but retain life tenancy	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime residency
Give a gift only after your lifetime	Bequest	Leave a charitable gift in your Will	Estate tax deduction for value of gift
Avoid double taxation on retirement assets*	Gift of qualified retirement plans, including IRAs	Name charity as beneficiary of 100% of the balance	Avoid deferred income tax and estate tax
Avoid capital gain tax on the sale of residence or other real estate	Real estate gift	Donate the residence or real estate to Youth In Need or sell at bargain price	Immediate income tax deduction; avoid capital gain tax
Make a meaningful gift at little cost to yourself	Life insurance gift	Designate Youth In Need as owner and beneficiary	Immediate income tax deduction
Make a gift that provides income without the legal fees of trusts	Pooled income fund	Make a contribution to a pooled income fund	Income for life and partial tax deduction in the year the gift is made
Make a gift that can be revoked during your lifetime	Living trust	Name Youth In Need as beneficiary of assets listed in a living trust	Control of assets and trust during your lifetime; possible estate tax savings
Secure a fixed income	Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Create a charitable trust that provides you with a fixed income	Immediate income tax deduction; fixed income for life; avoid capital gains
Create long-term hedge over inflation	Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Create a trust that provides percentage of assets of trust, valued annually	Immediate income tax deduction; annual income for life; avoid capital gains tax
Give income to charity but retain principal heirs	Charitable Lead Trust	Create a Charitable Lead Trust	Income deduction for income donation; federal estate tax savings

*Consider taking advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and make a gift of a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA directly to Youth In Need. If you are 70½ or older by the date of the contribution, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year in 2006 and 2007 directly from an IRA to Youth In Need. This gift will count toward your required annual IRA distribution and will not be counted as gross income, allowing you to avoid the tax that would ordinarily have been on a IRA income distribution. Donors to whom the new IRA rollover will likely appeal include those who are already giving at their 50 percent deduction limit, those whose income level causes the phase-out of their exemptions, those who do not itemize their deductions, and those for whom additional income will cause more of their Social Security income to be taxed.

Capital Campaign Reaches \$2.5 Million Mark

Youth In Need has raised \$2.5 million in its "So Every Child Has a Future" Capital Campaign!

Certainly, reaching this milestone would not be possible without the generosity of countless community supporters.

The \$3.5 million capital campaign is separate from the agency's annual fund and will establish an endowment fund that allows Youth In Need to serve thousands of children, teens and families for many years to come. In addition, the campaign, along with a generous donation from Campaign Co-Chair Jerry Scheidegger, has allowed Youth In Need to purchase a central office, highly visible from Interstate 70 in St. Charles.

Since Youth In Need has been in its new location, at 1815 Boone's Lick Road, several families have walked through its doors, seeking help simply because they saw the Youth In Need sign on the building.

Many opportunities still exist to support this vital campaign and ensure the doors remain open for Youth In Need's families. Several naming opportunities are available:

- ExCEL Learning Center at Central Office (\$250,000)
- Multi-Purpose Community Center at Central Office (\$100,000)
- Early Childhood Classrooms at St. Louis City, Wentzville and Warrenton Head Start Centers (\$10,000 each)

Help us spread the word! There are several easy ways you can help Youth In Need complete the campaign with a flourish of victory. Hold a gathering of friends, family and business contacts, collecting donations for the

campaign. Invite potential donors to our monthly President Briefing, where individuals share lunch or breakfast with Youth In Need's President and CEO Jim Braun, hear about program success from experienced staff and tour Youth In Need's central office to see programs in action.

For more information on how you can become an integral part of Youth In Need's Capital Campaign, please call Marissa Pulizzi, Senior Director of Development, at 636-946-5600, ext. 254.

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Susan Rentfrow is one of three St. Louis Master Gardeners who is volunteering her time to create Youth In Need's Discovery Garden. She lives in Florissant, Mo., with her husband and son. Susan has taught inner-city children about gardening and has volunteered at Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services as a Case Manager. Susan recently started a Garden Club in her community and with the help of other gardeners, created a community butterfly garden in the common grounds of their neighborhood.

What "sparked" your involvement with Youth In Need?

I have always been interested in working with kids, and I wanted to do a project that would involve my son. At a volunteer fair last year, I met with Fran Ventimiglia (a Youth In Need Community Recruitment Specialist) and later on, we spoke about the initial concept of the garden, having a few raised beds to grow a vegetable garden.

How did the project grow from there?

Fran, Judy and Laurie (other St. Louis Master Gardeners), and myself collaborated and conducted research on the Internet and at the library to come up with more ideas for the garden. We also spoke with some Youth In Need clients to get their input. Everyone pulled together, and there was a list of ideas of what we wanted, and somehow we made it work. The idea sort of exploded and kept getting bigger and bigger. The reaction we've got from volunteers has been incredible, and it's all for the kids.

What do you envision for the future of the garden?

I hope that it's a relaxing experience for Youth In Need's clients. Gardening will be therapeutic, and the landscape itself (such as the waterfall) will have a calming effect. I think it's really important for kids to experience the natural environment and have a place to play and discover. And I think it will give the teachers another place to teach and potentially create a few future gardeners. ■

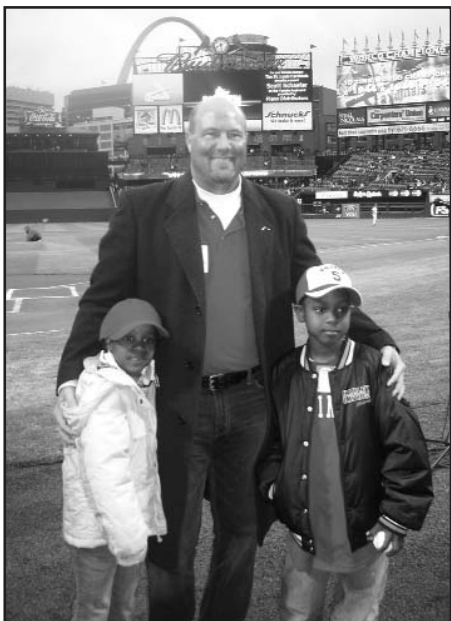


Susan Rentfrow and her son Sage mix concrete for stepping stone molds for the garden. Susan and the other gardeners worked with youth from Youth In Need's Emergency Shelter and the St. Charles City and Wentzville Head Start and Early Head Start programs to make personalized stepping stones for the garden. Children decorated the stones with their names and ceramic and marble.

Youth In Need in Brief...

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Danajah Muhammad and Jahreem Dennis, two students in Youth In Need's Out-of-School Time Programs, threw out the first pitch at the April 14 St. Louis Cardinals game against the Milwaukee Brewers. Danajah was chosen for her increased efforts to improve academically, while Jahreem was chosen for consistently being on the honor roll at school.



From left: Danajah Muhammad, Youth In Need Board Member Blaine Vaszily and Jahreem Dennis. Danajah and Jahreem threw out the first pitch at an April St. Louis Cardinals game. They were selected because of their academic performance.

Starbucks Night Raises Money for Wentzville Head Start



Youth In Need staff and children presented Starbucks staff (second and third from left) with a thank-you banner from the children at the Wentzville Head Start and Early Head Start Center.

The new Starbucks in Wentzville, located at 1877 Wentzville Parkway, held a preview Friends and Family Night for the community on March 1. The sales of all medium and large beverages were donated to Youth In Need's Head Start and Early Head Start program in Wentzville. Youth In Need received \$450 from coffee and raffle ticket sales and from donations.

Street Outreach Holds Barbecue

More than 40 youth attended the Youth In Need Street Outreach Program's barbecue on

May 12 to learn about the program's Drop-In Center. The Center, located at 4746 Virginia Avenue in St. Louis, offers homework assistance, computer access, online job searches, resume assistance, one-on-one talks, laundry access and a safe place for youth to hang out. The barbecue offered teens a chance to play pool, ping pong, volley ball, and board games; surf the Internet; and receive program information. The Center is open for teens, ages 13 to 21, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.



Teens explored the Internet during the Street Outreach barbecue for its Drop-In Center.

St. Charles County Baby Shower Raises \$24,500

When teens experience a pregnancy, there are many stressors that can lead to child abuse and neglect. One way to lessen that stress is to help teen parents with basic needs

of shelter, diapers, formula and clothing. Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director of the Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County, and his team organized the St. Charles County's first-ever county-wide baby shower in response to an increase in child abuse. More than 90 volunteers collected donations from shoppers at Shop 'n Save, Dierbergs and Mid Towne IGA on April 12. Youth In Need, St. Louis Crisis Nursery - St. Charles, Mary Queen of Angels and Healthy Beginnings all benefited from the donations. The drive collected \$24,500 in donations, including 13,700 diapers, 33,000 wipes, 1,925 jars of baby food, 1,100 containers of baby powder, 450 boxes of cereal and \$3,000 in cash. Youth In Need distributed the items to its teen parents.



Donations collected during the first St. Charles County baby shower filled a large meeting room at Youth In Need's central office in St. Charles.

Celebration of Youth Enjoys Another Record-Breaking Year

Youth In Need's 20th annual Celebration of Youth dinner and auction was held on Saturday, March 24, 2007, in the Grand Ballroom of the Saint Charles Convention Center. This year, more than 560 guests turned out to celebrate Rick and Mary Leach, the event's 2007 honorees, and support the thousands of children, teens and families Youth In Need serves.

Through the sale of tickets, sponsorships and items purchased in both the live and silent auctions, Youth In Need raised more than \$200,000, a record-breaking event total. Youth In Need raised an additional \$85,000 in pledges for the Youth Opportunity Missouri State Tax Credit Program. Funds raised at the event will help Youth In Need continue to provide programs and services that help children, teens and families achieve their goals and build a positive future.

Silent and live auction item highlights included airline tickets to anywhere in the world, sports memorabilia, a bevy of beautifully assembled baskets, a 60-bottle wine cellar collection, artwork from Youth In Need's children and teens and a custom-built child's playhouse.

Save the Date! Plan to join Youth In Need at its new event location on Saturday, March 15, 2008, in the **Discovery Ballroom at the Ameristar Conference Center.** ■



Mary and Rick Leach were the 2007 Celebration of Youth Honorees.



Celebration of Youth Co-Chairs, from left: Kim Scheidegger York, Cathy Glosier, Joanie Ohlms and Carol Conoyer with Youth In Need's President and CEO Jim Braun.



Above: Jill and Glenn Zimmerman, Fox 2 News Meteorologist. Glenn served as the event's celebrity auctioneer.

Left: Jerry Daniels, Chairman of Youth In Need's Board of Directors, and his wife Mary Beth Daniels.



Laurie Schoenecker (left) and Judy Wiegand promoted Youth In Need's Discovery Garden. Guests had an opportunity to purchase plants, trees and other items for the garden. Schoenecker and Wiegand are two professional gardeners who have volunteered their time to design and create the garden at Youth In Need's central office in St. Charles.

Tee It Up with Youth In Need

Get out your golf clubs and practice your swing so you can join Youth In Need at its 10th annual Golfing for Youth Benefit Tournament. This year's tournament is on Monday, August 13, 2007, at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles.

The event kicks off at 11:30 a.m. with registration and lunch, provided by Youth In Need's Exclusive Principal Corporate Partner Culpeppers Grill & Bar. Golfers will play in a four-person scramble over 18 holes in a competition format. Finish the day with a social hour and drinks, dinner and silent and live auctions, emceed by Fox 2 Meteorologist Glenn Zimmerman. You can enjoy all of this for just \$250 per golfer. Non-golfing guests are welcome, and the cost is \$50.

To learn about sponsorship opportunities, for more information or to register, call 636-946-5600, ext. 253, or visit www.youthinneed.org. ■



Trivia Buffs Put Their Brains to Battle



Youth In Need's fourth annual Battle of the Brains Trivia Night was a sell out this year. The event took place on Saturday, April 21 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in St. Charles.

This year's trivia night sold out at 31 tables, raising more than \$5,500 for the children, teens and families Youth In Need serves.

Thirty-one tables of guests were challenged in 10 rounds of play.

Prizes were given to the first place team, scoring 99 points out of a possible 110, the last place team and the team with the best-decorated table. This year's event raised more than \$5,500 in support of the children, teens and families Youth In Need serves. ■

Adopt Youth In Need for Your Next Donation Drive

If your church, school, community organization or business will be holding a donation drive in coming months, designate those items for Youth In Need. Donation drives aren't just for the holidays. They can be held anytime throughout the year, and you can help make them happen.

Donation drives are an easy way to make a direct impact on Youth In Need's programs and services because they impact the agency's bottom line. Items that are ideal for collection in donation drives are those that Youth In Need would otherwise have to purchase to accommodate program needs. These items may include: toiletries, baby items, household items, school supplies, educational activities, cleaning supplies, entertainment items and arts and crafts supplies.

Youth In Need recently opened its donation "store" to house all of the items it receives in donation drives. The store is open twice a month and serves as a central location for program staff to "shop" for their programs. By keeping the store stocked with these items, it eliminates much of the supply costs for programs.

Help us keep the store stocked! For more information about holding a donation drive to benefit Youth In Need, please call Victoria Harrington, Community Relations Manager, at 636-946-5600, ext. 204. ■

Donation Drive Wish List

- **Toiletries:** Toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes
- **Baby Items:** Lotion, shampoo, diapers, ointment, wipes, car seats
- **Household Items:** Pots and pans, kitchen appliances, bedding, bath towels
- **Cleaning Supplies:** paper towels, pot holders, mops, laundry detergent
- **Educational Activities:** Teen fiction books, music theory software, workbooks
- **School Supplies:** Backpacks, rulers, paper, notebooks, calculators, pens, crayons, markers
- **Arts & Crafts:** Large rolls of art paper, drawing and construction paper, paint, jewelry-making kits, stamps and ink pads
- **Entertainment:** Movie passes, CDs, DVDs, board games, toys, recreational game tables
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Batteries, light bulbs, scented candles, gas or food gift cards

Outreach Manager Wins National Awards

Kevin Coleman, Youth In Need's Outreach Manager, won the National Youth Worker of the Year Award at the National Network for Youth 2007 Symposium and the award for Best Independent Mini Feature at 2007 Black Reel Awards.

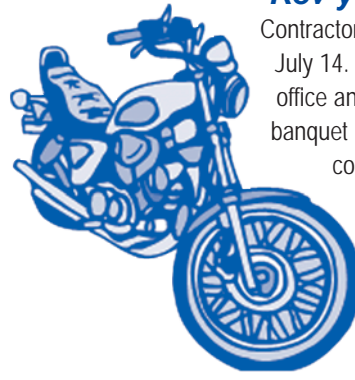
The Youth Worker of the Year Award is given to "an outstanding youth worker who regularly performs beyond expectations to make significant contributions to his or her agency, community and the youth work profession." In his role as Outreach Manager, Coleman oversees Youth In Need's Street Outreach program, which is a mobile unit that offers emergency food, clothing, referral sources and support to homeless youth in the St. Louis metropolitan area. A second component of the program is a Drop-In Youth Center, located at 4746 Virginia, St. Louis, Mo., 63111, that offers comprehensive support services to homeless youth, including washroom and laundry facilities, homework assistance, computer access and a safe place to hang out.

When he's not working with at-risk youth, Coleman focuses on his filmmaking career. He directed *Snapshot*, a 22-minute film about an aspiring photographer who discovers the beauty and depravity of her community when she journeys into the gang world. She unknowingly causes a disturbance in this gang community and is sucked into a violent evening. In this one telling moment, she becomes a real artist of photography.

This film won Coleman the award for Best Independent Mini Feature at the 2007 Black Reel Awards. The Black Reel Awards are presented by the Foundation for the Advancement of African-Americans in Film, a nonprofit organization with a mission to target, identify and prepare candidates who will represent the next generation of filmmakers and potential film executives that will be able to provide a different sensibility to the stories currently told on screen. ■

Join Youth In Need for Two Fun Upcoming Summer Events

The weather is warming. Are you wanting to get out and enjoy the sun and cool down with a frappuccino? Join Youth In Need at two upcoming events, and you'll do just that.



Rev your engines! The first annual Bell Electrical Contractors "Ride" for Youth In Need begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 14. The 150-mile motorcycle begins at Bell's Maryland Heights office and ends at Grappa Grill in St. Charles, where the patio and banquet room have been reserved for participants after the ride. The cost is \$20 for drivers and \$15 for passengers, if you register prior to July 5. Day-of registration is \$25 for drivers and \$20 for passengers. All participants will receive a T-shirt. All proceeds will benefit the children, teens and families Youth In Need serves. To register or for more information, call 636-946-5600, ext. 252, or e-mail aviehmenn@youthinneed.org.

Brush up on your coffee-ordering skills! A new Starbucks at Highway 370 and Elm opens on June 21. Starbucks has partnered with Youth In Need to hold an event from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 7 at its new location. Pay \$5 at the door, and you'll receive your choice of any sized beverage at no charge. Guests will enjoy giveaways and a raffle. As a special treat, students in Youth In Need's ExCEL program will read poetry. All proceeds from the event benefit Youth In Need. ■



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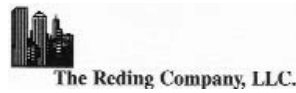
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