

**ENGAGING YOUTH IN LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**TEENPOWER**

Youth Resources is celebrating our  
**20th year of High School TEENPOWER**  
&  
**10th year of Middle School TEENPOWER!**



Registration is now open for  
**TEENPOWER 2011!**

Visit [www.youth-resources.org](http://www.youth-resources.org) for  
registration forms.

High School TEENPOWER – Movie theme:  
**“No Need to Act, Just Be Yourself”**  
Sunday June 5th to Thursday June 9th  
at University of Evansville.

Middle School TEENPOWER – Monster  
theme: **“Who Ya Gonna Call? TEENPOWER!”**  
Monday June 27th to Wednesday June 29th  
at University of Southern Indiana.

**Emily Strahle, Program Manager**

TEENPOWER began in 1992 with the purpose of empowering youth to lead drug-free lifestyles. The conference trains and motivates young people to serve as catalysts for positive change in their own lives and in their communities. Sessions focus on specific, tangible, and proven strategies for developing leadership skills, facilitating positive change, and preventing problems with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. With strong emphasis on the development of leadership skills and community service, TEENPOWER directly focuses on drug and alcohol resistance skills, self-esteem, peer-pressure, bullying, youth violence, and the importance of achieving a higher education or civic vocation.

TEENPOWER is the only youth substance abuse prevention conference of its kind in Southwestern Indiana!



Here's what past participants are saying about TEENPOWER:

*“TEENPOWER is the most amazing thing I've ever been involved with. It is truly a life changing experience.”*

*“TEENPOWER is a great way to meet friends who support you in staying DRUG FREE!”*

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

**“How has Youth Resources has made a difference in your life?” A few YR seniors reflect on their involvement with Youth Resources!**



**Bosse - Nathan Wire**

Youth Resources has taught me a lot since I first attended TEENPOWER Camp. It has taught me how to make the right decisions that will help lead me in the right directions to success. It has taught me how to think on my feet, while thinking about the outcome of the situation. YR has taught me that I have another home to come to for help and support in my next step into the real world. After everything YR has helped me with, I will make it a goal to complete my college education in honor of Youth Resources!



**Mater Dei - Theresa Scheller**

Overall, my involvement with Youth Resources has increased my leadership skills, strengthened my passion for serving for the benefit of others, and provided me with an amazing atmosphere to prepare myself for a successful future. The extra responsibility and engagement outside of my personal high school has given me a strong background of volunteer and leadership experience for my future. I plan to continue community service involvement as I move onto college. Youth Resources has played a large role in my life and I am extremely proud to be a part of such an amazing organization.

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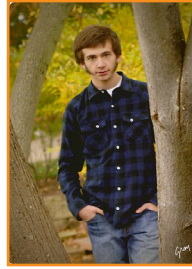
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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Continued



**Castle - James Halle**

TAC has broadened my world by providing me the opportunity to make friends from other schools, by attending city and county council meetings, and by becoming involved in community service. TAC has also enabled me to develop my leadership skills and to learn from our leaders, as well as from our guest speakers. These experiences have greatly increased my confidence and self-esteem as I prepare to begin my college experience, where I hope to continue to be an involved leader.



**Harrison - Jack Trockman**

Being a member of Youth Resources Teen Advisory Council has helped me prepare for the next step in my life in many ways. I feel I am a more responsible individual and should be held accountable for my actions. My generation has many challenges ahead of us, and I think I am more prepared to face them. I hope I will do the right thing and leave a positive mark during my life. TAC has also opened my eyes to some of the needs of the community and the many different ways I can help.

**North - DeAndre Wilson**

YR helped me to get a foundation of good work ethics, and it has also helped me to get along with others and communicate better with them. YR has also helped me to set priorities and taught me to be a mentor for kids and how to give back to the community. My favorite service activity is preparing food at the Ronald McDonald House.



**Signature School - Huy Pham**

Through Teen Court, I've learned from the experiences of others as well gain experiences from my critical thinking and speaking roles. With my participation in TEEN-POWER Camp 2010, I was able to celebrate my youth, expand my comfort and social level, and ultimately learned how to utilize the best path toward adulthood through the choices I make as a teenager. The most unique and dynamic part about all programs offered by Youth Resources is their multiple levels of involvement and growth. Other students and I cannot only take full advantage of our adolescence but also give back to the rest of the community where adults and students can function together in a well-rounded community.



**Reitz - Jessie Earle**

Youth Resources has really helped me develop the leadership skills I need in order to be successful in college. It has enabled me to step out of my comfort zone and really grow as a person and a leader. I intend to use these skills to better my community and campus while attending the University of Evansville next fall.

**Memorial - Rachel Massey**

Youth Resources has helped me tremendously in the development of my own personal leadership style. Everybody leads in different ways, and because of TAC, I'm definitely not afraid to be different! After I graduate in May, I can't wait to become involved in college, especially knowing that TAC has given me the confidence to do so.



**Central - Emily Wigginton**

YR has helped me with becoming more involved with my community not just my school and to meet some really cool people that enjoy the same thing! Also YR has helped me with waking up early and getting things done!



**Harrison - Lindsay Moreland**

YR has helped me gain leadership experience that will be beneficial as I attend college and even after. It has allowed me to enhance all my life skills and the want to continue serving the community the rest of my life. Last but not least, YR has given me a great support system and lifelong friends.



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE GRANTS

Jessica Fehrenbacher, Program Manager

### Youth-of-the-Year Hall of Fame Celebration Sponsored by Old National Bank

Thursday, April 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Ivy Tech Community College - Bower Suhrheinrich Conference Room

Youth Resources wants to recognize those youth who are making our community a better place!

The Hall of Fame Celebration recognizes the youth nominees for the Youth of the Year and also allows the 2010-11 Make a Difference Grant Recipients the opportunity to share success stories from their projects with donors, business leaders, and the community!



Please contact Program Manager, Jessica Fehrenbacher, for reservation information.

The Make a Difference grant recipients continue to stay busy with their projects as the school year comes to an end. Here are just a couple of examples of the youth-led projects funded by Youth Resources that have been happening over the past few months.

**Bosse High School Moderate Disabilities Program** students have been busy working on their project since November! The students volunteer their time at the Ronald McDonald House, which is a temporary home for families whose children are critically ill at local hospitals. These students have helped with housekeeping, laundry, preparing mailings, packaging items, and preparing home cooked meals for the families who are staying there. This project not only has taught the students about giving back to the community, but it has provided vocational skills that the students can use in the future.

**Fairlawn Elementary Second Graders** have worked diligently on their project each month since October! The students are paired up at the beginning of the project with a buddy, and they work through the end of the year as a team on monthly projects. In November, the group cleaned up the Fairlawn campus. In December, the students assembled goodie bags that were sent to the individuals at the Evansville Rescue Mission. In February, they sent homemade valentine cards to the veterans. Their projects allow them to learn skills in peer-to-peer interaction, teamwork, and community service.

# VANDEBURGH COUNTY TEEN COURT

Hillary Krantz, Program Manager

Diehl Evaluation and Consulting Services, Inc. compiled performance data from 2010 for the Teen Court program. These findings are used to examine how the specific results can be best utilized to contribute to ongoing quality improvement of the program.



Here is what two Teen Court volunteers shared about Teen Court:

*"I want to be an international lawyer when I grow up and this has helped me strengthen this goal."*

*"Teen Court has showed me the importance of volunteer work!"*



Summary of Findings:

- **100%** of youth respondents were satisfied with Teen Court.
- **100%** of parents of respondents agreed their child had become more responsible throughout their Teen Court experience.
- **100%** of parents of respondents felt satisfied with Teen Court.
- **93%** of youth respondents agreed that the Teen Court program had helped them become more responsible
- Youth respondents reported improvement related to good decision making, communication with parents, participation in community service, making good grades, missing school, and not letting friends pressure them into making poor decisions.
- Student volunteers perceived positive outcomes especially related to knowledge about the legal system, leadership skills, attitudes about law enforcement, obeying the law, and gaining new communication skills.

## Thank you Evansville Bar Association!

In January, the Evansville Bar Association hosted a brief presentation for Teen Court volunteers called "Discover and Victim Impact", and twenty-five students and parents attended the presentation and pizza party. The training session was a great success, and the students were very engaged and grateful to have this in-depth training from a group of dedicated adult attorneys who volunteered their time to share their expertise with the youth volunteers!

# TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)

Jo Beth Bootz, Program Manager

*"Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."—Vince Lombardi*

Since 1987, the Youth Resources TAC has been forming leaders through peer mentoring, civic engagement, leadership development and community service. TAC allows youth to discover their personal leadership style through a network of high school students from the region. TAC members meet these needs consistently each year through the following requirements:

- Attend TAC meetings at 5:55 a.m. every other Friday!
- Complete 15 hours of community service each semester.
- Serve a shadowing rotation with the EVSC School Board, Evansville City Council, Vanderburgh County Commissioners, and Warrick County Commissioners.
- Actively participate on a TAC Committee: Service, Governance, Outreach, Marketing/Communications, Leadership, or Special Events.

**In fact, during last semester alone, TAC members served 58 local agencies and events through 2,190 hours of community service. First semester of 2010 was a record breaking time for the Teen Advisory Council as our roster peaked at 175 high school members from Posey, Warrick, and Vanderburgh Counties!**

The Teen Advisory Council is now recruiting new members for the 2011-2012 council. Interested high school and 8th grade students can apply online at the Teen Advisory Council page at [www.youth-resources.org](http://www.youth-resources.org).

Two events that showcase TAC's involvement in the community include volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and presenting at the LEAD Conferences in Evansville and Louisville!

## Ronald McDonald House

In honor of TAC alumna, Clare Scheller, TAC members volunteer monthly at the Ronald McDonald House in Evansville by cooking meals for the residents. Clare graduated from Mater Dei last May and in August was diagnosed with leukemia. Clare's family has spent a great deal of time at the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis while Clare



was at Riley Children's Hospital, so TAC members wanted to give from their hearts locally on her behalf. Each month TAC members whip out their aprons and cook a three course meal for the residents! In addition to team building and leadership development, TAC members learn about compassion as they get one-on-one interaction with the families. Many members now volunteer at RMH on their own or through other school and community groups thanks to their experience with TAC!

## LEAD Conferences in Evansville & Louisville

A group of high school females from the Teen Advisory Council were asked to develop and implement youth leadership programming for the Young Women LEAD Conferences held in November in Evansville. These young women presented during the conference's opening sessions about 'Inspirational Women in History' and also facilitated a workshop for their peers about 'Personal Leadership Styles'. Throughout the conference, TAC leaders were also asked to engage the audience of high school females in chants and energizers to keep the conference positive and inspirational for all attendees! This group of TAC leaders made such a positive impact on everyone attending that they were invited to be presenters at the Young Women LEAD Conference held in January in Louisville, Kentucky!



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**Do you want to get involved? For an up to date listing of YR events visit the web calendar at [www.youth-resources.org](http://www.youth-resources.org) or call Youth Resources at 421-0030 to find out how to get involved!**

**Thursday, April 7th, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Teen Court New Volunteer Training at YR**

The Teen Court program will hold a group training session for any 8th grader or high school student interested in making a difference in their community by volunteering to be a Teen Court juror, attorney or bailiff. Parents are welcome too!  
R.S.V.P. preferred, but not required, by Wednesday, April 6th.

**Saturday, April 23rd, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**3rd Annual High School Sand Volleyball Tournament fundraiser**  
**At Wesselman Park**

We are currently recruiting high school aged teams for this day of fun and healthy exercise! Team registration packets can be obtained through a TAC member or by contacting Jo Beth Bootz.

**Thursday, April 21st, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**17th Annual Youth of the Year Award & Make A Difference Grants Celebration**  
**Sponsored by Old National Bank**

**At Ivy Tech Community College - Bower Suhrheinrich Conference Room**  
Youth Resources wants to recognize those youth who are making our community a better place. All youth nominees will be recognized, and the winner will be announced at the banquet.

**Friday, April 29th, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Big Man On Campus fundraiser**  
**At North High School Auditorium**

Join us for an unforgettable night of competition during this male pageant featuring Seniors from all area high schools. This will be an evening filled with fun, entertainment and school camaraderie!

**Thursday, April 21st, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Teen Advisory Council New Member Orientation Night**  
**At Ivy Tech Community College, Room 107**

All high school students (including incoming freshman) and their parents are encouraged to come learn about the requirements and application for the Youth Resources Teen Advisory Council.

**Sunday, June 5th - Thursday, June 9th**  
**High School TEENPOWER Camp at University of Evansville**

For students entering grades 9-12 during the 2011-2012 school year.  
Class of 2011 seniors are also welcome to register.

**Monday, June 27th – Wednesday, June 29th**  
**Middle School TEENPOWER Camp at University of Southern Indiana**  
For students entering grades 6, 7, or 8 during the 2011-12 school year.

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