



# YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

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## A Letter From Our Board President

Joseph Emmick, MCYSB Board President

Thank you for supporting the Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau. Your philanthropic gifts and your volunteerism make possible our singular focus on serving young people in our county. Our executive director, Mike Scime, a talented hard working staff, and dedicated volunteer board of directors ensure your investments have a direct impact on our community.

We served 774 young people in 2009 through a wide range of delinquency prevention programs—programs that give many of our local boys and girls a chance at a successful life when they seemingly have no other chance.

The JUMP program matches young people who may not have a stable adult presence in their lives with volunteer adult mentors who offer advice, direction, a sympathetic ear, and, sometimes, a shoulder to cry on. The mentors and mentees also make time to have some fun—they go out for a meal, attend a sporting event, or go to a movie. The close relation-

ships that develop are a major factor in the mentees' self-esteem, confidence, and success in school. The JUMP program requires careful professional staff leadership, detailed volunteer screening and training, and

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regular evaluation of the mentoring relationship. Our volunteers' time and our donors' gifts enable the MCYSB to continue this important delinquency prevention endeavor.

More children in our community than any of us care to count do not have parents or guardians who are available to or capable of representing their needs. That's where our Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program comes in. Our highly trained CASA volunteers are assigned individual

cases in which they appear in court and advocate for the child's best interests. Without someone looking out for them, many of these kids would be "lost in the system." The CASA program gives these children, who

range in age from infants to teens, a chance at a normal, stable life. The CASA program's success is a direct result of your involvement and investment.

There are plenty of opportunities in 2010 to help the MCYSB and help

our community. Please contact Mike Scime directly at 362-0694 ext. 14 or [admin@mcysb.org](mailto:admin@mcysb.org) to become a volunteer or to make a gift. We also hope you will join us on April 17th for our 4th Annual Bowling-For-Youth event which supports the JUMP program.

I invite you to read more about our important work in the following pages and see for yourself the difference you make in our young people's lives. On behalf of the entire organization, thank you.



*"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."*

*-Bob Hope-*

# 2009: A Year in Review

Mike Scime, YSB Executive Director

YSB was able to again expand its services to help address the additional stress factors faced by families and children during an economic recession. For the fourth consecutive year, programs expanded to help more children; a total of 774 or an 11% increase over 2008.

The largest demands on services were seen in the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program with a 19% increase as the number of children needing a CASA rose to an unfortunate record of 160. Recruiting, supporting and retaining advocates for abuse and neglect victims will continue to be a significant challenge in 2010.

We also matched 16 new JUMP mentors, raising the total number of active matches to 73. Teen Court helped a record 113 youth learn from their mistakes and provided practical courtroom experience to 37 teen volunteers. Our partnership with the Crawfordsville Fire Department to operate the car seat safety inspection site continued with 112 safety inspections and 80 free seats provided to income qualifying families. Unfortunately, only 29% of those visiting the site came because they needed safety education and installation instruction. Most still view the site as a "free seat site" which points to another challenge in 2010 as we attempt to expand the site's appeal to all parents and care-givers. We

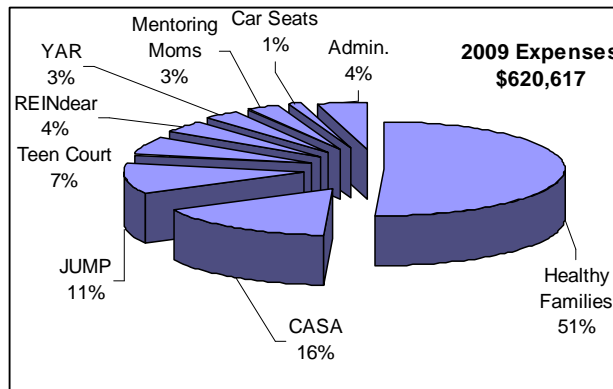
ended the year with a successful RE-INdear project, providing clothing and gifts to 1,586 (10% over 2008) Mont-

gomery County children with the help of our referral and shopping partners. One area of additional spending came as a stimulus grant paid for the additional CASA staff needed to serve more children and comply with the state mandated 30:1 volunteer-to-staff ratio. Although YSB's costs to administer RE-INdear increased in proportion to demand, total program costs were still only 12% of the estimated \$126,880 in gifts provided through the program.

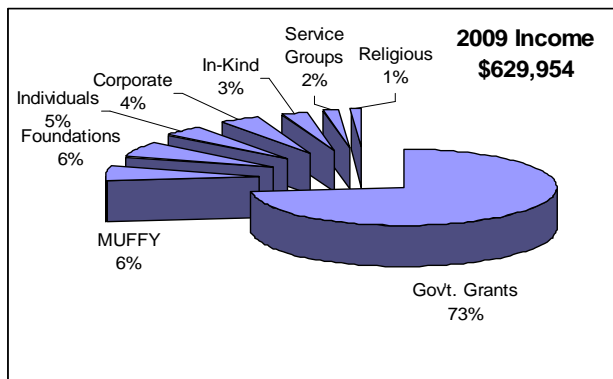
Community gifts of time and money continued to make a difference for children and families at YSB. More than 200 individuals made gifts totaling \$30,100 (the most in YSB's 38 year history)

while a record 267 individuals volunteered as mentors, CASAs, board members, and more! Cuts in state grants to JUMP and Teen Court again threatened program sustainability. However gifts from Nucor, Vectren, MainSource, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> successful Bowling-for-Youth event allowed JUMP and Teen Court to each serve 15% more children.

Despite an operating deficit that continued into November, a strong year-end left 2009 operating income 1.5% higher than expenses. Thank you Montgomery County! Your local gifts represented 27% of our total budget, helping us reduce dependence on government grants by 6% this year.



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Despite service increases, annual expenses fell 2% from 2008 as we tightened program budgets and reduced administrative costs in the face of the



# JUMP Honors Mentoring

Nancy Hartley, JUMP Program Manager

“The Magic of Friendship” was the theme for the 5th annual Match Recognition Banquet held on November 6th at the Woodland Heights Christian Church.

Ninety-five mentors and mentees were represented. The banquet has become a favorite of JUMP participants and is looked forward to by the kids and grown-ups alike. The more formal atmosphere of the evening makes it a very

special and unique occasion. Recognition was given to the oldest match and the youngest match attending. Jim Bowlin and his mentee, James, were matched on March 28, 2005. James was seven years old when Jim and James began their relationship and he will soon celebrate his 12th birthday! Our newest match recognized was matched on November 4, 2009, and is truly a “family affair”! Mentors, husband and wife, Pat and Katie McStay, are enjoying their new relationship with mentees and siblings, Kade and Kaiglyn. The banquet marked their first official mentoring activity. A delicious meal was catered by Allen’s Country Catering and kid friendly entertainment was provided by magician, Daniel Lusk. Many thanks to Nucor Steel for making this evening possible.

To also honor the mentors and mentees, the JUMP Program observed Indiana’s first statewide celebration of National Mentoring Month in January. The Montgomery County JUMP program has

reached a record 70 active matches, but JUMP Program Coordinator Nancy Hartley says that adult volunteers are



Longest matched: Mentor Jim Bowlin with his mentee, James.

still needed to meet the needs of many local youth who are on the waiting list for a mentor.

The JUMP staff knows their program wouldn’t be what it is today without all the selfless volunteers that give their time and resources every single day.

Hartley stated, “Thank you, JUMP mentors, for sharing your time, talents, and

## JUMP Juvenile Mentoring Program

encouragement with your mentee. A quote from an unknown author reads, ‘a lot of people went further than they thought they could because “someone else” thought they could.’ Thank you for being that ‘someone else’ in your young friend’s life.”

The YSB and JUMP would like to thank all of our current mentors:

Joan Airey, Andrea Alka-Venis, Bud Arnold, Will Arvin, Jim Bowlin, Josh

Brewer, Josh Bronaugh, Amy & Don Cochran, Dee Dee Cope, Tami Delano, Cindy Demoret, Tammy Dexter, Bob Dowell, Dorothy Dowell, Sondi Eden, Carolyn Fisher, Laura Frye, Fred Fuhrmann, Dwight and Mig Gallian, Jack Gelzleichter, Dennis & Lisa Gentry, Ben Green, Joe Green, Kylie Haulk, Kasey Hoffman, Debbie Howard, Matthew Hudson, Caleb Hurt, Jutta Hutson, Michael Johnson, Rex Kelsey, Belinda Kiger, Suzanne Kincaid, Todd Kleffman, Steve Klein, Gary & Judy LaFoe, Terry Lawrence, Tena Leigh, Peggy Lohorn, Dianne Lowe, Ramona McCance, Kerrie McClaskey, Marka & Cassie McKeown, Katie McStay, Patrick McStay, Mike Melvin, Patty Miller, Anna Pennington, Tom & Heather Perkins, Shawn Randall, Chris & Sharon Redmaster, Terry & Paula Reed, Samantha Ryker, Mike Scime, Irene Skelton, Tyler Smith, Colleen Sowders, Jim Suren, Candi Sutton, Paul Sutton, Marta Sweek, Ella Swick, Margaret Switzer, Alex Thomas, Kevin Thompson, Liz



Newest match: Mentor Pat McStay with mentees, Kade & Kaiglyn. (Not pictured: Mentor Katie McStay)

Thompson, Emily Toomey, Megan Westin, Jill Whitacre, Peggy Whitacre, Jennifer White, Michael White, Steve Wilke, Sara Williams, Terry Winn, Amy Woodall, and Lisa Zimmerman.

For more information on becoming a mentor, please call Nancy at 765-362-0694 ext.

12, or visit our website at [www.mcysb.org](http://www.mcysb.org).

# A Busy Mom Applauds Healthy Families

Jill Hampton, Healthy Families Program Manager | Article written by: Wendy Schmitzer-Torbert, Family Support Specialist

Jennifer Chandler (pictured right with her son Owen) first heard about Healthy Families through her school. Jennifer said she "decided to try it because I didn't know what to expect while I was pregnant or when it came to being a mother." Jennifer has been a part of the Healthy Families program since July 2008. "I have accomplished many goals since I started. One of the biggest goals we have reached as a family was buying our first house." Jennifer is a busy, multitasking parent

who currently works part-time at the Boys and Girls Club, attends classes at Ivy Tech, and is the mother of an energetic toddler named Owen. "I feel like Healthy Families really supports me as a parent. My family support specialist always lets me know when I'm doing something right and offers alternatives when they are needed." When Jennifer was asked what she enjoyed the most from the Healthy Families Program she said, "I have really enjoyed all the ideas for con-

structive play and also healthy eating habits. I always receive good information. I would tell someone that Healthy Families is a great resource to help you in all aspects of being a parent. They are supportive and I have benefited so much from having them around."



# Youth Advisory Board Happenings

Jennifer White, Teen Court Program Manager

The Teen Court Youth Advisory Board was created in an effort to actively engage the youth volunteers in program enhancement. The youth meet to discuss ways to actively recruit new volunteers, engage existing volunteers, and ways to improve upon the Teen Court process.



niities). With this money the youth have been able to put a lot of their ideas into motion. They have visited area middle schools and invited potential new volunteers to a Teen Court Cookout and an ice cream party. They have provided a training session for new and existing volunteers, as well as a mandatory training for Teen Court attorneys. At the end of February they are holding a mock trial/open house at the Courthouse for potential volunteers. Thank you to these youth for all that they are doing!

The advisory board is made up of current Teen Court youth attorneys. In 2009 the Teen Court Youth Advisory Board was awarded a grant through the AHEAD Coalition (as the Local Coordinating Council for Drug Free Commu-

# REINdear a Success

Jennifer White, REINdear Program Coordinator

In 2009, with the generous support of the community, the REINdear Program was able to provide Christmas gifts for over 1,580 Montgomery County children. There were well over 195 local churches, businesses, and individuals who were



instrumental in making this happen. REINdear would like to sincerely thank all of the donors and referral partners who participated in 2009 for their abundant generosity.



Congratulations to the following participants for successfully graduating from the Healthy Families Program!

- TAMARA FARLEY
- MYA CONRAD
- SHERRY BRADY
- SHANNON SHULER
- GUY COX
- MELISSA MONREA
- REBECCA NEWMISTER
- KARA GALBERT



## Youth as Resources Plans Events

Jennifer White, YAR Program Manager

Youth as Resources (YAR) has begun planning its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Longaberger® Bingo fundraiser! It will take place May 11, 2010. It will feature a combination of new 2010 baskets, as well as some retired baskets graciously donated. The youth will soon begin the solicitation of event sponsors, and the planning of the anticipated event.

Youth as Resources is also excited to announce that they have decided to try the Battle of Bands fundraiser again this year! The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Battle of the Bands fundraiser will take place this summer. If you are a youth-led band, and would

like to participate, please contact Jennifer at [jennifer@mcysb.org](mailto:jennifer@mcysb.org) for more information!

All of the money raised from these fundraisers will be placed in the Youth as Resources grant pool and be given out to local youth groups and organizations in need of financial assistance with their youth-led service projects.

If you would like more information on any of these events, or how you can get involved in YAR, please contact Jennifer White at (765) 362-0694 ext 18 or [jennifer@mcysb.org](mailto:jennifer@mcysb.org).



2009 YAR group: (top to bottom) Cole Goodman, JD Norman, Derek Logsdon, Craig Burkhart, Victoria Fairfield, Morgan Mullen, Jennifer & Lily White, Bailey West, Lindzy Griggs, Emily Surface, Samantha McClure, and Destony Gatlin.

## CASA Appreciates its Volunteers

Jane Christophersen, CASA Program Manager



We held our annual CASA Appreciation Dinner on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. It was in the wonderful Old Normal Hall in Ladoga. So I had a little time to reflect

on the evening as I drove back into Crawfordsville. I always get so nervous about the dinner because I want everyone to have a really good time. I don't want the dinner to be one more thing people feel obligated to do. I remember standing in front of everyone as I presented the certificates and mugs, our small token of appreciation, to each CASA. As I spoke, I had the perspective of seeing the entire group of people who essentially make up the CASA Program – the other staff members, Mig Wilhite-Gallian and Jill Voliva; Mike Scime; Judge Thomas Milligan; and Judge David Ault, whose courts our cases are in; and of course, the CASA volunteers. Their spouses, family members, or friends that they brought with them must also be counted because without their support, the volunteers might find it difficult to continue. There were forty-three people. It takes all of these people to make the program

work. I was impressed with the size and diversity of the group. And we had only about half of the CASAs in attendance, so in reality, our group is much larger. Everyone in that room is in some way connected to the lives of abused and neglected children in our county. I believe that we have helped to make the children's lives better. At times, we have improved their lives dramatically. It is those times that make it all worth it. As I was driving, I tried to remember what I said to the group and hoped that I had adequately expressed my gratitude and respect for them. Then I reflected how I read the name of each volunteer and individually congratulated them on their years of service and thanked them. As I thought about that process, I realized how much I truly love and admire our volunteers as people, friends, and champions of our most vulnerable children. I told the group that each year I consider whether or not to say some-

thing about each volunteer. But I know that if I get started talking about each person and how much they mean to the program, we would not get out of there until the wee hours of the morning. So I refrain from doing that. But I know and hold dear the contributions each has made to the well-being of their "CASA kids." Our CASA program is a large

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and growing group of very intelligent, dedicated, and compassionate people fighting the good fight for our abused and neglected children. I am honored to be able to work with them.

Our next training will begin the first week of March. Please contact me at 362-0694, ext. 13, or [jane-cysb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane-cysb@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in being part of this very worthwhile program.

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## Mentoring Moms Program Has New Coordinator

Linda Ridge, Mentoring Moms Program Coordinator

In November 2009 Linda Ridge started as the new coordinator for the Mentoring Moms Program. Linda has worked at the Youth Service Bureau for eight years with the Healthy Families Program and feels that her involvement in Healthy Families will help her in coordinating the Mentoring Moms Program.

Since Linda began her new duties she has been reaching out into the community looking for volunteers that would like to provide hope and support for a young mother living at or near poverty.

In early February we had "A Talk and a Tea" group activity for our matches. Since Valentines Day is in February we

had Ann Sexton Speak on building loving relationships with your children and we made valentines. In December we had "A Talk and a Tea" with a Holiday party theme. This was a fun time of crafts, games and refreshments enjoyed

mentor to young mothers who need support and encouragement. We have a mentor training session scheduled for the last week of February. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or know of someone that you feel would be a good mentor, please contact Linda at 765-364-0192, ext. 14.

She will be happy to hear from you!

Mentoring  
Moms

by all.

At this time we have eight matches, four of them being new matches this year. It is our hope that more mothers in our community would step forward to be a