



Safe Place, Safe Kids, Safe Community



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New Web Sites and Social Networking Opportunities Available Through National Safe Place

www.safetynetforyouth.org: A Web log to further communication among advocates for at-risk youth. Safety Net for Youth provides an open forum to build community, share information and educate the public about the issues facing America's teens.

www.safeplaceforteens.com: A modernized and teen-friendly site, young people can gather information and find out how to access Safe Place in their community. Safe Place For Teens also provides access to Safe Place links on Facebook, MySpace and YouTube.

Text safeplace to 41411 for Safe Place Assistance: Teens receive the National Safe Place Web site and the National Runaway Switchboard 24-Hour Hotline.

With Heartfelt Gratitude For All You Do

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am moving to the east coast, and therefore will no longer be your Youth In Need contact for Safe Place. It is with enthusiasm that I introduce to you Karen Sieve, the new Safe Place Coordinator. Karen will be your Safe Place contact as of June 2, 2008. She brings a great deal of experience working in youth services in the St. Louis metropolitan area, and I have no doubt that she will be a fantastic resource and contact for you throughout your involvement with Safe Place. I feel honored to have had the chance to work with all of my sites, supporters and volunteers, and know that with your help Safe Place will continue to grow and help many more children and teens in the future. Thank you for assisting with this program and for always

Believing in the power of potential...™

Warmly,

Youth In Need is Proud to Announce Its Newest Safe Place Sites!

- Community Fire Protection District (3 locations)
- Great Skate
- UMB Bank – Winghaven
- UMB Bank – Ballwin
- Blessed Savior Lutheran Church
- UMB Bank – Fenton (Shop 'n Save Branch)
- UMB Bank – Lindbergh (Shop 'n Save Branch)
- Community Council of St. Charles County
- Immanuel Lutheran Chapel
- The Pet Doctor
- St. Peter Lutheran Church
- UMB Bank – Chesterfield
- Vatterott College
- UMB Bank – Westport
- City of St. Charles
- St. Charles Fire Department (5 locations)
- UMB Bank – Kirkwood
- T. Andersons Cities Service Diner
- Commerce Bank – Heritage Branch

*Thank you for your commitment to keep
children and teens safe!*

If you know of a local business that may be interested in participating in Project Safe Place, please contact Youth In Need.

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National Safe Place Week

Events a Success

Thank you to all who attended the First Annual National Safe Place Week Open House

National Safe Place Week took place March 16-22, allowing Youth In Need to acknowledge the sites, individuals, volunteers and supporters who make Safe Place possible in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



L-R: Orchard Farm High School Assistant Principal Greg Jones, Orchard Farm High School Principal Brian Smith, Poster Contest Winner Kiarra Smith and Youth In Need President and CEO Jim Braun



Youth In Need staff, board members and Safe Place supporters celebrated 25 years of Safe Place.

Youth In Need's first annual National Safe Place Week Open House took place at the agency's Emergency Shelter, and guests enjoyed tours and a light lunch, followed by a short presentation by Youth In Need President and CEO Jim Braun, St. Charles City Mayor Patti York, Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County Executive Director Bruce Sowatsky and QuikTrip Representative Doug Finklang. Guests also witnessed the unveiling of the winning entries from the Safe Place poster contest held in area middle and high schools. The winning entries will be featured in Safe Place marketing for 2008. Congratulations to Kiarra Smith, Orchard Farm High School senior, for her winning design! The middle school winning entry was designed by a client in the Youth In Need Emergency Shelter program.

Firefighter Engine House 13

The following poem was written by Tridgett Kent, Out-of-School Time Site Manager for Youth In Need. It is featured in the National Safe Place Heart of the Matter publication.

"The heat of this world rests upon your shoulders."

You possess an essence of dignity,
 Making saving lives appear effortlessly.
 Forsaking your very own offspring,
 To save mine,
 In the form of heroic acts,
 Trading fatherhood for time,
 Time to complete the circle of brotherhood,
 Often taken advantage of and misunderstood.

A brotherhood built on sweat,
 Humility,
 And tears,
 Whether on the team
 Two, twenty or fifty years.
 Thank you for sharing a glimpse
 Of your world
 With a community,
 A community of harvested seeds,
 Entrusted to me.



The winning middle school poster was designed by a Youth In Need client staying at the Shelter