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National Safe Place Week Poster Contest

Youth In Need's 2nd Annual Poster Contest kicks off **National Safe Place Week**, which takes place from **March 15 through March 21**.

This year's contest theme is **"Safe Place: Where Kids Get Help...Fast!"** We invite you to encourage young people to participate. The contest will help us educate young people on the resources available to them and engage children and teens in promoting Safe Place among their peers and throughout the community.

For additional information, please visit www.youthinneed.org or contact Karen Sieve at 636-757-9345 or ksieve@youthinneed.org.

Youth In Need Welcomes Its Newest Safe Place Sites!

- Aflac
- American TV
- Central County Fire & Rescue (6 locations)
- Crooked Tree Coffee House
- Edward Jones/ Paul Orso, Financial Advisor
- Exit Show-Me Realty
- Fairmount Baptist Church
- 1st Financial Federal Credit Union—Wentzville
- Heartland Bank
- Lauer Chiropractic
- Lindell Bank (St. Charles and St. Peters)
- Lutheran Senior Services at Breeze Park
- Parkview Gardens
- ShowMe Aquatics & Fitness
- SSM St. Joseph Health Center
- State Farm Tom Wehde Agency
- Thomson Printing
- Veticare Animal Hospital
- Wharf Pharmacy

Thank you for your commitment to keeping 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.

Youth Spotlight

Thanks to Mrs. Ratcliff's Leadership Class students from Fort Zumwalt's Hope High School, who presented information about Project Safe Place to Fort Zumwalt School District Middle School students. Hope High students selected Project Safe Place as their class project because they felt it was an important program and more students need to know about it.



Congratulations to Kiarra Smith, who received Youth In Need's distinguished James L. Newman Memorial Youth Participation Award for volunteer service. Kiarra, a 2008 Orchard Farm High School graduate, started volunteering with Youth In Need last year after submitting her winning entry in the Safe Place poster contest. Since that time, she has been a devoted volunteer and advocate of the Safe Place program, donating her time and artistic talents. Although Kiarra now attends Cleveland Art Institute, she continues her involvement with Youth In Need and her enthusiastic participation and promotion of Project Safe Place.

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Ink Jet Recycling: Another Way to Support Safe Place

Recycle your ink and toner cartridges for Safe Place!

There is **no cost to you**, and Youth In Need's Safe Place program will receive between \$1.50 and \$4 per cartridge recycled. Contact Karen Sieve to receive your free recycling kit.

Recycling for Safe Place will support safe kids AND a safe environment!!!



Youth In Need Recognizes National Runaway Prevention Month with Green Light Project



The National Safe Place program recently selected Youth In Need's Safe Place program as one of eight programs across the country to participate in the national Green Light Project. The Green Light Project is a way to show support of runaway children and teens by placing green lights on porches across the country. National Safe Place provided Youth In Need with 240 green light bulbs, which were distributed at the Cave Springs QuikTrip on Saturday, November 15, 2008.

12 Months of Giving

Adopt Youth In Need at your Safe Place site for one month and provide small items that make a big difference in the lives of homeless children and teens.



The following items are needed:

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| Bottled water | Toothpaste |
| Toothbrushes | Blankets |
| New socks | New hats/gloves |
| New, large coats | New sweatshirts |
| Hand sanitizer | Band-aids |
| Pop-top canned food items | |

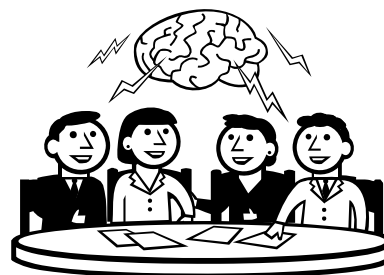
Make a difference and encourage a culture of philanthropy and teamwork in your office, classroom, congregation and beyond.

Trivia Night—"Battle of the Brains"

Sponsor a table, invite your friends and colleagues and put on your thinking caps! Youth In Need's annual "Battle of the Brains" is taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 1424 First Capitol Drive South, St. Charles 63303.

- Cost: \$150 per table (maximum of 10 players per table)
- Doors open at 6 p.m. Trivia begins at 7 p.m.
- Beer and soda provided.

For more information, visit ww.youthinneed.org.



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