Believing in the power of potential...

Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Friends of Youth In Need:

As you read this Annual Report, you will learn first-hand about individuals and families who experienced crisis and were served by Youth In Need this past year. Youth In Need made a big difference in their lives and in the lives of 9,006 other children, youth and families. YOU – our donors, volunteers, community partners and staff – helped make this happen. Without your support, Youth In Need could not run the programs and services it provides to the clients whose stories you are about to read.

Youth In Need is a unique organization. Many of our programs work together to provide a “continuum of care.” A single individual served by Youth In Need might benefit from multiple services. One such client came to the Shelter in 2005, utilized our teen parent program, and ended up in our Transitional Living Program. A family enrolled in Head Start also used our out-client counseling services and participated in Fatherhood/ Male Involvement Program. A family enrolled in Head Start also used our out-client counseling services and participated in Fatherhood/ Male Involvement.

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.

In 2005, the Board of Directors approved an updated mission statement – a statement that reflects the growth we’ve experienced and the changes we’ve seen over the past few years. I encourage you to continue to support Youth In Need and to embrace our mission as we move into 2006 and beyond:

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.

I thank our financial supporters and volunteers on whom we rely to make Youth In Need’s comprehensive services possible. Your support is needed more than ever as we rally together to serve children, youth and families in 2006 and in the years ahead.

Thank you for believing in the power of potential.

Gratefully,

Richard A. Leach
2005 Board Chair

Letter from the President & CEO

Dear Friends of Youth In Need:

The past year was one of change and growth for our agency. We faced many challenges, and we accomplished many things – both big and small. Everyone who participated should feel great pride in the work done and the support provided in achieving the following:

We established a centralized headquarters for the agency when we consolidated three leased locations into a single facility at 1815 Boone’s Lick Road, under a lease with a future purchase option.

We updated our mission statement: 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.

We entered the foster care field – in cooperation with the Children’s Permanency Partnership, we secured a “privatized” contract with the state to provide foster care case-management services. We significantly expanded four of our services and programs thanks to new funding from the St. Charles County Children’s Community Services Fund – including expanded capacity in our emergency shelter and transitional living programs and expanded counseling and teen parent services.

We improved our compensation structure – the Board Compensation Committee completed a comprehensive new salary structure that was implemented in August. We faced government funding reductions head-on by making significant cuts in expenditures and restructuring management and administrative staff to reduce costs.

Most importantly, we impacted the lives of 9,006 children, youth, and families. The coming year promises to be another fantastic one for Youth In Need. We are about to embark on a $3.5 million capital campaign to purchase the headquarters building and land, build a reserve fund, and create an endowment. With these new efforts in place, we can ensure that the agency continues to help children, youth and families achieve their goals and build a positive future for generations to come.

Thank you for believing in the power of potential.

Jim Braun, President & CEO
2005 Program Statistics

Program Number of Clients Served
Shelter 212
Cornerstone1 14
Transitional Living Program 39
Counseling 299
Community Youth Development2 980
Early Childhood Programs3 7,462
Total 9,006

Percentage of Clients Served by Gender

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<td>Female</td>
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Percentage of Clients Served by Ethnicity

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Percentage of Clients Served by Geographic Location

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Financial Report

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<td>Early Childhood Programs</td>
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<td>Transitional Living Program</td>
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<td>Total Program Services</td>
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An audited financial report will be available on the Web site in July at www.youthinneed.org.
Head Start and Early Head Start Outcomes

Outcomes for Youth Programs

Emergency Shelter: Emergency residence for youth, 10-18, experiencing crisis. 24-hour support and information is provided through the shelter hotline.
- 212 clients served in 2005
- Outcomes: 93% of youth served reported increased levels of emotional and informational support, tangible support, and positive social interaction; and 93% of youth had a safe, alternative place to stay following discharge.

Transitional Living Program: Group home and scattered-site apartments where homeless youth, 16-21, learn independent-living skills and work to complete their education and become self-sufficient community members.
- 37 clients served in 2005
- Outcomes: 75% of youth demonstrated an increase in healthy coping behaviors; and 81% of youth report increased levels of emotional/informational support, tangible support, and positive social interaction.

Cornerstone: Home to nine teenage girls, 12-19, with backgrounds of serious abuse and neglect, this program aims for permanent placement or reunification, while providing a therapeutic, nurturing home where the girls continue to grow.
- 14 clients served in 2005
- Outcomes: Due to a restructuring in 2005, a hold was placed on new referrals, and existing clients were transitioned to other Youth In Need programs mid-year. A more intensive therapeutic model to facilitate early transition to community permanency was developed and implemented in late 2005, and a new staff treatment team was hired and trained and began taking referrals in January 2006.

Out-client Counseling: Out-client counseling services assist children, youth, and families experiencing conflict or crisis.
- 385 clients served in 2005
- Outcomes: 81% of clients experienced an improvement in functioning; and 88% experienced an improvement in quality of life.

Community Youth Development: Includes Youth Works (employment preparation), Community Youth Leaders (after-school mentoring), Street Outreach (homeless outreach and homeless drop-in center), and Before- and After-School Programs (on-site at 11 St. Louis Public Schools).
- 800 clients served in 2005
- Outcomes: 72% of youth demonstrated an increase in healthy coping behaviors; and 87% demonstrated progress in skills and abilities.

Most Importantly, Youth In Need Made a Difference:
Youth surveyed three months after discharge from residential treatment reported:

- a 53% drop in use of alcohol or drugs
- an increase of 12% in regular school attendance
- a 12% increase in employment (if over 16)

- an increase of 26% in the numbers who feel they are living in a safe situation
- a decrease of 26% in the numbers who feel “hopeless” about the future
- a decrease of 42% in the numbers who have been in trouble with the police

Follow-up surveys were administered to youth, and their parents or guardians who received family counseling, six months after services ended, with the following results:

- 88% of youth reported improvement in their quality of life
- 90% of parents or guardians indicated improvements in the behavior and adjustment of youth
- 85% of youth clients and their parents or guardians reported they were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the counseling services they received
- 67% of families reported experiencing some type of violence at admission – at follow-up, 100% reported they were not currently experiencing family violence
- 85% of youth clients reported they were attending an educational or vocational program

Regional Child Development Directors will review child outcomes with staff to address specific strengths and needs and to assist in individualizing for each child.

- Child Development Institute will be offered in August pre-service. The week-long Institute will provide a variety of trainings that address training needs as identified from the outcome report, self-assessment, staff concerns, classroom, socialization and home visit observations.
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Youth In Need Historical Timeline

1974 Youth In Need (YN) incorporated as a nonprofit organization.
The Jaycees renovate and donate YN's first Shelter on Benton
Street in St. Charles, Mo. Sue Schneider joins YN as the agency’s first Executive Director and only employee.

1978 YN Shelter moves to 529 Jefferson.

1982 YN adds educational component in the basement of the Shelter; the program later becomes EXCEL.

1984 YN opens Cornerstone Group Home.

1986 Liza Andrew-Miller becomes the agency’s second Executive Director.

1988 Jim Braun joins YN as the third Executive Director.

1990 YN adds a counseling office site at 516 Jefferson; the building is later named the Burkemper Family Counseling Center.

1993 YN assists in flood relief efforts. The agency also begins outreach services.

1995 YN expands counseling services.

1997 YN’s Shelter is completely renovated after a devastating electrical fire.

2004 YN becomes a major provider of before- and after-school programming for the St. Louis City Public Schools. YN’s 17th annual Celebration of Youth raises more than $125,000. It’s also the agency’s 30th anniversary: YN has 350 employees and an operating budget of $11 million.

2005 YN moves into its new agency headquarters; the agency also adds a foster care program to its portfolio of services.
Youth In Need’s Annual Roll of Giving

We recognize with gratitude Youth In Need’s most passionate supporters – those who steadfastly respond year after year to the needs of our area’s most vulnerable children and youth.

The list below indicates cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund received between January 1 and December 31, 2005.

Note: We have made every attempt to list names accurately. We regret any errors or omissions. If your name is in error, please contact Youth In Need’s Development Department at 636-949-5600.

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Visionary Leaders Annual Giving Society

Youth In Need’s Visionary Leaders Annual Giving Society recognizes benefactors who have made a major investment in Youth In Need’s programs and mission. Youth In Need established this Society to recognize the individuals, businesses and organizations that have embraced Youth In Need’s mission and supported the agency with extraordinary generosity.

Donors are invited to join after:

Investing in Youth In Need’s annual fund with a one time cash gift of $10,000 or more (as of September 1 of the current calendar year).

or

Investing with smaller gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund that accumulate and reach the $10,000 threshold (as of September 1 of the current calendar year).

Visionary Leaders Annual Giving Society membership is based on all cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund and excludes sponsorship support, special events and gifts in-kind (effective January 1, 2005).

Visionary Leaders Annual Giving Society Membership Levels

Investor: Members with a lifetime giving total of $10,000 or more in cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund.

Benefactor: Members with lifetime giving total $100,000 or more in cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund.

Leader: Members with a lifetime giving total of $250,000 or more in cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund.

Pacesetter: Members with a lifetime giving total of $500,000 or more in cash gifts to Youth In Need’s annual fund.

Note: The lifetime giving levels of the members of the Visionary Leaders Annual Giving Society are noted in parentheses behind their names in the Annual Roll of Giving list.

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Donations of used or new items are always appreciated as they help to meet the basic needs of many of our children, youth and families. We thank our individual donors, community groups, associations and corporations who have generously thought of Youth In Need this year with donations of in-kind items. The use of these items assists Youth in Need in redirecting funds to direct services for our area’s most vulnerable youth. In 2005, more than $390,000 of goods and services were donated to Youth In Need programs.

Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part Youth In Need’s success. In 2005, Youth In Need had more than 1,800 individuals, organizations and community groups involved in various volunteer efforts. Some of the highlights include: painting at Cornerstone, rebuilding of a Head Start playground in Wentzville, reading to children in Head Start classrooms and gathering goods for Youth In Need clients during the No-Hunger Holiday and Adopt-a-Family holiday drives.

Volunteers built a new playground (right) for children at the Wentzville Head Start/Early Head Start program, in compliance with new safety guidelines for playgrounds nationwide.
2005 Special Events

Celebration of Youth
March 19, 2005

Youth In Need’s largest fundraiser of the year was held at the St. Louis Hilton - Frontenac on March 19, 2005. The event honored Jerry McElhatton, former Senior Executive Vice President of Global Technologies and Operations for MasterCard International. The event raised more than $125,000 to support Youth In Need’s programs and services.

Mark your calendars to celebrate children and youth in 2006. The 19th annual Celebration of Youth dinner and auction is March 18, 2006, at the new Saint Charles Convention Center. This year’s event honors homebuilder Tom Hughes of T.R. Hughes, Inc. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Development Department at 636-946-5600.

Trivia Night

The second annual Youth In Need Trivia Night brought out trivia buffs en masse with more than 20 tables participating. The event was held at St. Robert’s Church on April 23. Players decorated their tables in different themes, enjoyed treats and unleashed a vast amount of knowledge to bring home a victory for Youth In Need.

If you want to test your trivia know-how in 2006, mark your calendar to play on Saturday, April 22. For more information, call the Development Department at 636-946-5600.

Golfing for Youth Benefit Tournament
August 8, 2005

The eighth annual Golfing for Youth Benefit Tournament broke records at Youth In Need in 2005. More than 200 golfers enjoyed playing on two courses at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles. The tournament and auction raised a record-breaking $65,000 to support the children, youth and families Youth In Need serves.

This year’s tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 21 at Whitmoor Country Club. Don’t wait to golf for youth. For more information, call Youth In Need’s Development Department at 636-946-5600.

Youth In Need’s 2005 Special Event Sponsors

YOUTH IN NEED thanks the following organizations and individuals who generously sponsored its 2005 annual fundraising events. There are many others who donated to or supported Youth In Need’s special events. Youth In Need gratefully thanks those individuals as well.

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Tributes will always remain a meaningful portion of the individual gifts Youth In Need receives each year. We deeply appreciate the following donors, who remembered Youth in Need even as they reached out to friends and loved ones in times of joy and sorrow.

Note: We have made every attempt to list names accurately. We regret any errors or omissions. If your name is in error, please contact Youth In Need's Development Department at 636-946-5600.

This annual report is dedicated in loving memory of Mr. Michael Londofo, long-term Youth in Need Board Member, and in memory of all the friends we lost in 2005. Your generous spirit remains with us.

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Youth In Need Moves Into New Agency Headquarters

Staff moved into Youth In Need’s new agency headquarters in 2005. The new facility is located at 1815 Boone’s Lick Road in St. Charles, Missouri.
In 2005, Youth In Need made a difference in the lives of 9,006 children, youth and families. We'd like to share a few of their stories with you.

(Note: Some names have been changed to protect client confidentiality.)

Believing in the power of discovery

Shelter/EXCEL: Kathy Geiger, EXCEL Director, took a group of EXCEL students on a field trip to the Ted Jones Confluence Park, where they met a man with a canoe who was in the middle of a river trip that had begun in Washington State. He had named his canoe "Discovery." Kathy writes: "I was immediately intrigued because I knew that the students had no idea the magnitude of this man's journey. The students asked him a lot of questions and he was very patient, even when one asked when he had last had a bath! We talked some more, and he asked where we were from. I gave him my Youth In Need denim shirt as a remembrance. We wished him a safe journey, and he paddled away. Of course, I think I was the most excited...you know, the symbolism of it all...I will remember it as one of those special teacher moments. The sun was shining, not a cloud in the sky, and I was with YIN kids on a field trip...what a very special day for me."

Believing in the power of education

Transitional Living Program: Miles had witnessed a lot of violence at home before deciding to leave for good. He finished high school and earned his diploma first, but then he "just couldn't take it any more." Miles eventually ended up at Youth In Need's Transitional Living Program, where he found a job, entered college, saved money, and learned to drive. He now has his own apartment and car and is working toward a college diploma that will help him enter the field of television production.

Believing in the power of change

Cornerstone: Youth In Need's residential home for teenage girls was temporarily closed from October through December, while the program was re-tooled, a new focus was established, and new staff were hired. In partnership with our new foster program (see below), Cornerstone will provide a home to girls while we work to reunify them with their families or find an alternative home.

Believing in the power of compassion and understanding

Counseling: Thanks to funding from the St. Charles County Community Children's Services Fund, Youth In Need significantly expanded its out-client counseling capacity in St. Charles. Three new full-time therapists will help the agency to provide even more much-needed counseling to families experiencing crisis.

Believing in the power of mentoring

Community Youth Development: Mark entered YIN's after-school mentoring program two years ago with what Traci Kerney, his CYL outreach worker, called "the worst attitude in the world – he thought everybody owed him." Mark's mother had a drug problem, and he never knew his father. He lived with his grandmother in a house with eight other children – a house they almost lost until some local activists stepped in to help. Despite the instability in his life, Mark was a good student and showed promise academically. He always did his schoolwork but had significant behavior problems. "He was afraid he was never going to get out of his neighborhood," Traci said. After a while in the program, however, his attitude began to improve. He became a leader in the program and a mentor to the other participants, and he became interested in football. After representing Youth In Need at a youth conference in Washington, D.C., he began to realize he wanted to do more with his life. With Traci's encouragement, he applied to and was accepted at Duke University, which also offered him a football scholarship. He graduates in June from Summer High School and will attend Duke in the fall. Mark attributes this success to Traci and the CYL program. "Miss Traci – you're the only one who believed in me," he said. Congratulations to Mark and the two other graduating seniors in the CYL program who are all going on to college!

Did You Know?

Youth In Need follows a positive youth development approach, which embraces the following key elements: Providing youth with safe and supportive environments; fostering relationships between young people and caring adults who can mentor and guide them; providing youth with opportunities to pursue their interests and focus on their strengths; and engaging youth as active partners and leaders who can help move communities forward.

Youth Works/Street Outreach: When Michael was nine and his father re-married, he began experiencing a lot of family conflict. At 12, he was sent to live in a series of boys' homes. He eventually dropped out of high school and ended up at Youth Works, where he prepared to take the GED exam, acquired some job training, and learned financial management. After a stint with Job Corps, Michael returned to St. Louis and began volunteering at Youth Works. In October, he became a Youth In Need employee, working in the Street Outreach program. He now handles referrals and conducts workshops. "Youth In Need really impacted my life," Michael said. "Right now, I feel like I'm in a place where I can grow."

Before/After-School Programs: One of YIN's two newest programs, BASP provides a safe learning environment for children ages 5-12 in 11 St. Louis Public Schools. One of the sites also assists New Americans with English language acquisition. In February, children and teachers at one of the sites (Ford Elementary) presented a Black History program to parents and community members. The hour-long program featured poetry readings, art work on display, African dance, and a recitation of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech from memory.

Youth participating in the Community Youth Leaders program pose for a picture after playing basketball at an area rec center.

Believing in the power of family

NEW! Foster Care Case Management: In 2004, Youth In Need entered the foster care field by joining with three other local agencies (Family Resource Center, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Urban Behavioral HealthCare Institute) to form the Children's Permanency Partnership (CPP). In 2005, CPP was awarded a 4-month foster care contract by the State of Missouri, which earlier in the year had announced plans to move some foster care programs and services to private organizations. CPP's goal is to address the needs of children in foster care and to either successfully reunify these children with their birth families or permanently place them in other nurturing families. CPP plans to assist more than 500 foster care children and their families annually. The geographic region served by the Partnership covers St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Jefferson County.

Children's Permanency Partnership

A Collaboration of Family Resource Center, Epworth Children & Family Services, and Urban Behavioral HealthCare

Together, We Make a Difference.

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2005 Program Highlights

Kathy Geiger (right) works one-on-one with a student in the EXCEL classroom.

After/Before School Program at a Black History celebration in February 2005.

Students at Ford Elementary School perform a Black History celebration in February 2005.

All of the bedrooms at Cornerstone received a fresh coat of paint and new bed linens before the house reopened.

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Believing in the power of early childhood education

Head Start/Early Head Start: Head Start and Early Head Start served 7,462 children and families in 2005. There were so many success stories and so many letters of praise that space permits only a few to be printed here.

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-- Connie, Matthew's Mom, a Head Start parent

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Leaving 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. Those who remember Youth In Need with a gift from their estate become part of Youth In Need’s Legacy Society. You can join this elite group of supporters by remembering Youth In Need in a Last Will and Testament, naming Youth In Need as the owner or beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy or Retirement Account, establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust or a Charitable Lead Trust.

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For more specific information on planned giving opportunities, please request Youth In Need’s Creative Ways to Leave Your Own Legacy booklet by calling Marissa Pulizzi, Director of Development, at 636-946-5600, ext. 254. There are many ways to help the children, youth and families Youth In Need serves. Your gift will help Youth In Need sustain its comprehensive services for years to come. Thank you for Leaving Your Legacy...

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