Youth In Need is proud to announce its newest Safe Place sites!

Lindenwood Campus YMCA
Pattonville Fire Dept. (3 locations)
Matthias’ Lot
Elm Point Early Childhood Center
New Frontier Bank (3 locations)
Commerce Bank – St. Charles
Sk8 Galaxy
Burns Family Dentistry
Delta Center for Independent Living
South City YMCA
Carondelet YMCA
Downtown YMCA
Monsanto YMCA
Crider Health Center
St. Cletus Catholic Church
Harvester Animal Clinic
Community Living, Inc.

Thank you for your commitment to keep children and teens safe in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties!
If you know of a local business that may be interested in participating in Project Safe Place, please contact Jayna Cardetti.

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With summer quickly approaching, Youth In Need is trying to spread the word about Safe Place to young people through venues outside of school. Please contact Jayna Cardetti if you know of any summer programs, camps, organizations or groups that may benefit from Safe Place information. A Safe Place presentation includes:

- A video
- Age-appropriate activities
- Safe Place promotional items
- Discussion of Safe Place and why a young person may need it.

Sk8 Galaxy, one of many new sites in St. Charles, displays its Safe Place sign proudly at the rink’s entrance.
With your help, Youth In Need has raised $234.00 for Project Safe Place through recycling empty ink-jet and toner cartridges. Thank you to the 19 businesses who have agreed to recycle on behalf of Safe Place. If you are interested in participating in Safe Place ink cartridge recycling, please contact Jayna Cardetti to receive your postage-paid recycling boxes.

Turn YOUR trash into OUR treasure!

**FAST FACTS:**

- 1.35 million U.S. children are homeless on any given night.
- It is estimated that 29,000 people in St. Louis experience homelessness during a calendar year.
- The average homeless person is 9-years-old.
- From 1998-2001, homelessness in Missouri increased by 42%.

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**Tips for Parents and Caring Adults:**

- The best way to prevent a youth from feeling alone, isolated and insecure is to spend time with your youth and listen.
- Give your children your full attention when they need to talk. Put down the paper, turn off the TV and let dinner wait. Make your responsiveness a top priority.
- Take your children seriously. Don’t dismiss their worries or fears.
- Model a respectful way of communicating that you would like for your teen to use with you.
- When discussing touchy issues (dating, driving, curfews), try to remain calm.
- Confront trouble directly, firmly and calmly. Remain firm on central values (such as no drug use) while bending on less critical issues (hair or clothing). Your teen will stop confiding in you if you are constantly judging his or her behavior.
- Permit expressions of ideas even if they are different from your own.
- Try not to take your teen’s mood swings too personally.
- If you are worried about something you think or feel may be going on with your youth, talk with teachers and parents of their friends. They may have helpful observations and insights.