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.

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,

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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.

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.

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

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.