Youth In Need will honor Carol Conoyer and Cathy Glosier at its 25th annual Celebration of Youth dinner and auction on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Ameristar Casino Resort Spa.

Carol and Cathy are two of Celebration of Youth’s founders, long-time Youth In Need Board members and supporters, as well as active community volunteers.


As two of the founders of Celebration of Youth, Carol and Cathy have remained actively involved in the planning and execution of this event every year since its inception. The first Celebration of Youth was a dinner and auction that raised $30,000. Twenty-five years later, Carol and Cathy have helped grow the event into one of the most successful charity events in the region, raising $400,000 for Youth In Need in 2011.

Carol Conoyer has served on Youth In Need’s Board of Directors since 1986 and is involved enthusiastically in many other charitable organizations throughout St. Charles County. Her other Board appointments have included March of Dimes, Crider Health Center, Duchesne High School and Catholic Community Services. In addition to Celebration of Youth, Carol also has chaired the March of Dimes Jail and Bail event as well as St. Cletus Catholic Church’s Adopt-a-Family program.

And if Carol’s volunteer commitments aren’t enough to keep her busy, her professional and family life certainly does. Nearly a lifelong St. Charles Countian, Carol has taught business classes at Rosati-Kain High School, has worked as a bookkeeper for Midwest ENT Centre, and has been a devoted homemaker and mom to her three children Matt, Ben and Ellie. She proudly calls her three grandsons Michael, James and Elijah the “ultimate gift” and is equally proud of her two daughters-in-law Ellen and Rachel.

Also serving on Youth In Need’s Board of Directors for more than 25 years, Cathy Glosier has held such leadership roles as Board Chairperson, a member of the Board’s Executive Committee, and Development Committee Chair.

Youth In Need will honor Cathy Glosier (left) and Carol Conoyer at the 25th annual Celebration of Youth on March 24.
Youth In Need relies on charitable support of the community to deliver much-needed services. The Children’s Partnership Program is one way community members can reach out to Youth In Need and enjoy annual sponsorship benefits.

Metro Joins Safe Place
All aboard! Metro Transit is the newest and largest partner to join the St. Louis area Safe Place program, designating more than 300 buses and trains in Missouri as mobile Safe Place sites. The addition nearly doubles the number of Safe Place sites in the region, making Youth In Need’s program the largest in the country and providing youth in crisis with even greater access to services.

In 2011, 235 youth accessed help through a Safe Place site. In addition to Metro’s trains and buses, many fire departments, libraries and schools as well as all QuikTrip convenience stores and Walgreens stores serve as sites. More than 800 sites exist in the region.

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Celebration, continued from cover

While Youth In Need received so much of Cathy’s time over the years, she successfully balanced her dedication to the children and families at Youth In Need with the love for her own family, husband Tom and children Adam, Mallory and Grant. Daughter-in-law Susie, granddaughter Penny, and son-in-law Carter are also part of her growing family.

In 2006, the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce honored Cathy with its Distinguished Service Award for Humanitarian Service for her work at Youth In Need and with many other organizations. And in 2009, Cathy received Youth In Need’s James A. Braun Champion of Children Award for her tireless efforts to improve the lives of children.

“Youth In Need couldn’t be more fortunate to have had Carol’s and Cathy’s involvement for so many years,” said Jim Braun, Youth In Need’s President and CEO. “And it’s certain that Celebration of Youth not only wouldn’t exist but also wouldn’t be the hugely successful event that it is without their leadership, dedication and passion for children and families. These two wonderful individuals are true champions for children and so deserving of this year’s honor.”

Sponsorship, advertisement and ticket opportunities are available. For more information, call Alicia Rosier, Annual Fund Director, at 636-757-9346 or visit online at www.youthinneed.org. All proceeds benefit Youth In Need’s programs and services in 2012.
Youth In Need Helps Nearly 20,000 Children, Teens and Families Last Year

The numbers are in for 2011, and Youth In Need helped nearly 20,000 children, teens and families last year. This record number continues a pattern of growth over many years that has coincided with an equally important record of excellence and quality outcomes.

Over the past 15 years, Youth In Need has established Head Start and Early Head Start programs in St. Louis City and St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren and Montgomery Counties, added before- and after-school programs in seven St. Louis City elementary schools, expanded runaway and homeless youth programs in both St. Charles and St. Louis Counties, and increased school and family counseling in both of these counties.

For 2012, Youth In Need expects the number of people it reaches to grow again. The St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund has awarded Youth In Need $2.5 million to continue and expand youth programs in St. Louis County. These programs include school-based counseling, street outreach, Safe Place and transitional living. Funding also is available to serve St. Louis County youth at Youth In Need’s Emergency Shelter.

Youth In Need is one of few organizations in the nation with a continuum of care for ages pre-birth to young adulthood, using a three-pronged approach to service delivery: crisis intervention, long-term crisis recovery and crisis prevention services. Youth In Need’s services continue to grow by consistently demonstrating accountability, effectiveness and transparency, earning the confidence of local, state and federal government funding agencies, various corporations and foundations, and the communities Youth In Need serves. Youth In Need is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and is a recipient of the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance Seal and the United Way of Greater St. Louis’ highest quality ranking.

Holiday Drive Makes Wishes Come True

Youth In Need’s annual holiday drive made thousands of wishes come true this holiday season! Through the generosity of many individuals and businesses, all of Youth In Need’s children, teens and programs received some form of holiday assistance.

Showcasing the spirit of the holiday season, 93.7 The Bull held its second annual Boatload of Toys drive at Bass Pro Shops in St. Charles. For four days in December, morning show DJs Mason and Remy camped out in the Bass Pro parking lot to collect toys for Youth In Need. They set a goal of filling four bass boats with toys and blew that goal out of the water. When the drive closed, listeners had donated seven boatloads of toys—four more boats than last year’s drive!

Other highlights included:

- The St. Peters Barnes & Noble collected 2,476 new children and teen books for Youth In Need through its annual holiday book drive.
- More than 80 individuals and organizations donated directly to Youth In Need’s annual holiday drive.
- In-kind donations were valued at more than $89,500, and cash contributions were valued at $4,300.
- 100 volunteers collected or sorted toys during the various drives.

If you were among our supporters, thank you for sharing your overwhelming generosity with all of us at Youth In Need.