

Youth **Youth Update**



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Youth In Need Selected to Assist Families with Young Children in Need

Youth In Need will be receiving \$2.4 million in federal stimulus dollars to expand child development and family support services in St. Louis City and St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren and Montgomery Counties.



Head Start students enjoy a turkey meal in celebration of Thanksgiving.

The agency will be adding 46 Head Start slots that serve families with children, ages 3 to 5; and 165 Early Head Start slots for families with children, ages birth to 3. The program expansion is a result of federal funding Youth In Need received as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The agency received approximately 20 percent of the available funding in Missouri and is the only organization to receive both Head Start and Early Head Start expansion dollars in the greater St. Louis region.

St. Louis City will receive 104 of the expansion slots. "There is such a need for Early Head Start services in St. Louis City," said Linda Armstrong, Vice President of St. Louis City Head Start. "Being able to serve more than 100 new families each year will have tremendous impact."

"This expansion adds quality and capacity to our services, enables parents to stay in school or the workforce, and allows Youth In Need as an employer to add more than 50 jobs," said Daryl Rothman, Youth In Need's Vice President of Head Start for the four-county area outside St. Louis City. "There are vast numbers of underserved families who will benefit from these services, and we are thrilled to meet these community needs."

Since 1974, Youth In Need has provided services for children and families in crisis, particularly runaway and homeless youth. In order to prevent crisis and strengthen families while children are young, Youth In Need expanded its services to include early childhood programs when it became a Head Start provider in 1998.

The national funding also funds improvements at current sites to accommodate the increase in children who will be attending Youth In Need centers. Youth In Need will open additional center classrooms in Troy, Warrenton and Montgomery City, Mo. These communities will receive 16, 38 and 23 of the new slots respectively, while St. Charles County will receive 30 slots.

Youth In Need will continue to build on its community support by launching this expansion and will be looking to the community to continue to support the agency's other programs for youth.

Head Start and Early Head Start services are offered in center-based or home-based programs. Center-based services assist working families or those attending school or a trade program by providing educational services in both full- and part-day classroom settings. Home-based services facilitate the involvement of family in meeting a child's needs at home—their primary learning environment. Home visitors help parents enhance skills through weekly 90-minute meetings at home and two monthly group meetings so children can experience a classroom setting. Both options assist parents in finding health and dental care, employment, education and other services. Head Start and Early Head Start services are offered at no-cost to families who meet income eligibility.

According to research compiled by James Heckman, Nobel Prize-winning economist at the University of Chicago, the economic return on the investment in comprehensive early child and parent education to American society is high. Benefits include higher educational achievement, increased earnings, greater family stability and decreased welfare dependency.

"We have long known from our own outcomes that early child interventions build stronger families when children are young and lower the prevalence of crisis when children are in adolescence," said Jim Braun, Youth In Need's President and CEO. "We are proud to have been selected to expand these services that will benefit the region for years to come."

Approximately \$2.1 billion was available nationwide for expansion. A major portion of the funds were allocated for the Early Head Start program across the country to increase enrollment by 55,000 children. Currently, 600 programs serve 45,000 Early Head Start children nationwide; ARRA funding doubles the scope of services to families with children in this age range. ■

Youth In Need Gives Thanks at Annual Reception

Youth In Need recognized its outstanding donors and volunteers at its annual Thanks for Giving reception on Nov. 18 at The Scheidegger Family Youth In Need Center.

The event paid special recognition to several award honorees for their involvement throughout the agency. Guests enjoyed chips and salsa, courtesy of Chevy's, homemade cookies and desserts from Youth In Need staff as well as a short photograph slide show, highlighting the year's events.



Youth In Need's President and CEO Jim Braun with Champion of Children Award honoree and Board Member Cathy Glosier.

2009 Volunteer Service Awards
Shawn Leach Memorial Head Start & Early Head Start Youth Participation Award
St. Mary's High School in St. Louis

Frank & Charline Martinez Head Start & Early Head Start Volunteer Service Award
Victoria Reagan

Lawrence & Theo Boschert Distinguished Long-Term Volunteer Service Award
Kathleen Johnson

James L. Newman Youth Participation Award
Allison Brinkhorst

Distinguished Individual Volunteer Service Award
Minnie Hursey

Distinguished Group Volunteer Service Award
Central County Fire Department

2009 Spirit of Philanthropy Awards

Outstanding Corporation
JM Family Enterprises, Inc.

Outstanding Community Partner
Leadership Alliance

Outstanding Individual Partner
Susie and Art Johnson

2009 James A. Braun Champion of Children Award
Cathy Glosier

Save the Date! Youth In Need to Honor Three Community Leaders at Annual Gala in March

Youth In Need will hold its 23rd annual Celebration of Youth dinner and auction on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa. This year, Youth In Need honors three long-time supporters and community leaders: Virginia Boschert and Frank & Charline Martinez.

Ticket and sponsorship information is available online at www.youthinneed.org. For additional details, call Alicia Rosier, Annual Fund Director, at 636-757-9346. ■

'Tis the Season for Giving! 50 Percent Tax Credits for Gifts Over \$100

Please invest in the future of the children we serve! **Every gift over \$100 from any individual or business paying taxes in Missouri qualifies for state tax credits equal to 50 percent of the donation. A \$1,000 gift means \$500 less in taxes to the state of Missouri! Visit www.youthinneed.org for more details or to make a gift by credit card. Tax-credit donations can be made by check, credit card or appreciated stock.**

Memorials and Tributes

Youth In Need gratefully acknowledges the following memorials and tributes. Memorials and tribute gifts given after Dec. 1, 2009, will be recognized in the next issue of Youth Update. We regret any errors or omissions. If your name is in error, please contact Youth In Need's Development Office at development@youthinneed.org.

Memorials

George Drackert

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Nancy Hammerman

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Jennifer, Bob, Grace and Bobby

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Tributes

Diane Holterman's Birthday

James Holterman

Eliot Asyre

Lawrence Liebman

State Farm Tournament Bags \$30,000 for Youth In Need



Sonya Robinson and Rusty Shelley, co-founder of the State Farm tournament.

State Farm Insurance held its fourth annual State Farm Insurance Charity Scramble to benefit Youth In Need on Monday, Oct. 5 at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club. More than 100 golfers turned out to enjoy a sunny fall day of golf, followed by dinner, attendance prizes and a live auction. Golfers bid on sports packages and autographed memorabilia, including a St. Louis Cardinals Adam Wainwright jersey and Chris Carpenter baseball. ■

2009 Children's Partners Make a Difference

Youth In Need relies on 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 a few benefits.

Partnership levels range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 and include advertising and participation in both Youth In Need's annual dinner and annual golf tournament.

Don't miss out on this prestigious opportunity! For more information or to enroll as a 2010 Children's Partner, call Alicia Rosier, Annual Fund Director, at 636-757-9346.

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