

The Youth Emergency Shelter Society has been serving youth at risk for over 25 years. In that time we have served over 20, 000 youth and many families, and we provide many programs to support our mission in giving youth at risk a chance. Our clients come to us from every walk of life and for many reasons...abuse, abandonment, drug and alcohol issues, poverty and mental health conditions are just a few. Over 70% of our youth have been physically, mentally or emotionally abused. In our successes we have seen a large number of our kids get jobs, go to school, reconcile with families, face and deal with drug addictions and graduate from high school.

Shelter Program

The Shelter Program provides a safe place for teens aged 15 to 18 who are not yet ready or able to commit to positive lifestyle changes, in an effort to keep them safe and to begin relationships leading to further assistance. They receive immediate necessities – shelter, food and clothing – as well as referrals to other community resources. Intakes are on a one-night basis although the young person may return as frequently as required.

SkY (Skills for Youth) Program

The SkY Program assists youth between the ages of 15 and 17 who are homeless but motivated to achieve stability and independence. SkY assists these young people to make a timely transition to a longer-term suitable stable placement. Youth are actively involved in day-to-day chores and maintenance of their living environment. They set personal goals and, with support, work towards achieving them.

START Program

START is for youth aged 16 to 19 who have no viable living alternative but are involved in productive activities such as working or attending school. START is client directed and clients attend a weekly meeting where they discuss issues, allocate chore responsibilities and utilize life and decision making skills. Each young person has their own room and is accountable for their actions. START focuses on the development of strong independence and decision-making skills.

Community Enhancement Program

Community Enhancement consists of three components:

- **Skills:** based on the identified needs of the youth, the Skills Development Coordinator delivers a program to meet skill deficit needs that may include employment skills, training, budgeting, meal planning and preparation, anger management, communication and more. Youth can connect with potential employers through the Job Bank, and then work with the SDC to become successful in work situations.
- **Outreach:** Outreach is a liaison program between Y.E.S.S. clients and outside youth serving agencies, youth and families. The Outreach Worker assists youth with transition between residential programs and independent living, and provides continuing support to post-discharge clients. The Outreach Worker also responds to brief service calls and provides services to non-residential youth and their families in an effort to prevent family breakdowns.
- **STAR** (Strategies to Achieve Results): This project is subject to HRSCD funding and works for 22 weeks with teens who have barriers that hinder them from being successful in maintaining school attendance or employment and who have little positive support in their lives. In STAR, youth obtain life and employability skills.

The Youth Emergency Shelter Society raises 42% of its \$2.86 million annual budget through fundraising activities. The 2007/2008 overall goal is \$195, 864.



What We Really Need

Gifts

- Art Kits and Supplies
- Art Pencils
- CD Players, I-Pods and MP3 Players
- CD'S, DVD'S and Video Games
- Cologne and Perfume Sets
- Gift Certificates: Music Stores, Wal-Mart, Clothing Stores, Restaurants, Malls and Drug Stores
- iPod Docking Stations
- Jewelry Boxes
- Jewelry, Watches
- Male and Female Clothing (new and brand name)
- Movie Tickets
- New Socks and Underwear
- Outdoor Games
- Pajamas, Housecoats and Slippers
- Ticketmaster Gift Certificates

Personal care

- Hairspray and Gel
- Sunscreen
- Make up

Food

- Bacon
- Block Cheese

Food cont.

- Brown Sugar
- Cheddar Cheese
- Cheese Slices
- Chips and Cheezies
- Coffee
- Coffee Creamers or Half and Half
- Cooking Oil
- Eggs
- Fresh Fruit
- Fruit and Pudding Cups
- Grocery Store Gift Certificates
- Ground Beef
- Hot Sauce
- Juice Boxes & Crystals
- Ketchup
- Margarine
- Mayonnaise
- Mozzarella Cheese
- Olive Oil
- Pam Cooking Spray
- Pizza Pops
- Plain Yogurt
- Potatoes
- Roasts
- Salad Dressing (Ranch and Ceasar)
- Sandwich Meat

Food cont.

- Soya Sauce
- Special Treats (ice cream, Popsicles, etc.)
- Spices
- Steak

Household Items

- All Purpose Cleaners
- Bath Mats
- Bleach
- Cloth Shower Curtains
- Dish Cloths
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Food Storage Containers
- New Pillows
- Single Sheet Sets
- SOS Pads
- Tea Towels
- Windex

Special Requests

- Rubbermaid Laundry Hampers

Office Items

- Binders
- Pens and Markers
- Post-It Notes

Other

- Youth and Adult Bus Tickets

ITEMS WE CAN NEVER USE

Encyclopedias Exercise Equipment & Weight Benches Large Appliances Pianos Pool Tables

For an official tax receipt, please provide the requested information and attach receipts if applicable.

Name _____ Cash Amount _____

OR

Address _____ Receipt Amount _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone Number _____