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Ensuring the Success of Youth Relationships...Involvement...Learning

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Message from the Executive Director and Board Chair

What do youth really need these days? They need the same thing they did 50 -100- even 500 years ago. They need healthy relationships, meaningful involvement and relevant learning experiences. And as we continue to experience the worst economic times since the Great Depression, youth need those elements more now than ever.

Thanks to you, our friends and supporters, LAYSB is able to continue providing essential enrichment and intervention support to area youth and their families. When the agency was first formed over 34 years ago, founders could only dream of a place where teens and families could get the help they needed to become productive, contributing citizens. Today that dream has been realized through the daily work of LAYSB’s skilled and dedicated staff and volunteers. Today we serve over 1,700 youth, family members and volunteers. Today…

• We know that 82% of youth referred due to illegal activities will not re-offend in the future.
• Almost three quarters of the youth who come to us because of chemical use will decrease their use as a result of our services.
• Three quarters of our clients who complete counseling services will report a significant improvement of their problems.
• Over half the teens participating in our enrichment and leadership activities report to us that they would have otherwise been home alone and unsupervised.

As is true of all sectors in our economy, this past year has been a challenge. It has been tough, but we know that with our strong board leadership and amazing staff and volunteers we will come through these times and be stronger for it.

Thank you for partnering with us to make a positive difference in the lives of youth and their families.

Jeanne Walz
Executive Director
Jim Trudeau
Board Chair

“I was expecting to come here and get yelled at but the victims actually just wanted us to think about how we affect ourselves and others. Thanks for giving me a second chance.”
Youth Participant

CLIENT YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

In 2009, LAYSB worked with 1,777 youth, family members and volunteers:
• 475 first-time and low-level youth offenders completed the Community Justice Program
• 129 at-risk youth and their families were provided counseling intervention and support
• 390 children and youth participated in teen enrichment/leadership services.
• 650 families in our communities received parenting services.
• 133 community adults participated as volunteers.
I didn’t like Forest Lake because it wasn’t where I grew up – it wasn’t a place I was familiar with and everyone treated me like I didn’t belong. I’d make fun of people, call them names, and punch them - even my friends and family. But then I became sick of people not wanting to be around me and I wanted to change.

One day I was walking by LAYSB with a friend. She said her sister had won some kind of award from them. I had heard other kids talk about the fun they had there so we joined the Youth Advisory Board and all the other programs we could.

Because of this I learned how to be more presentable. Tovah (who is LAYSB’s Youth Enrichment Manager) played a major role. She would tell us about herself. She would even ask us how WE were doing!

The Youth Advisory Board is more fun than other groups because you can enjoy being in the community while still helping. My favorite activities are working with little kids and messing around with my friends at car washes. I think maybe I would have been doing bad things now if I wasn’t with the Youth Advisory Board. I have made so many friends because of the bond I’ve made with people. Life leads you in directions, and because of the Youth Service Bureau, I chose a good direction at the right time.
In 1976, Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau began helping local youth and their families with intervention support and enrichment programs. Today we serve kids and families throughout the expansive Forest lake School District and all of Chisago County. We know that kids need the same thing they needed 50, 100, 500 years ago …

**Healthy relationships** - within families, with positive adult role models and with peers.

**Meaningful involvement** - LAYSB provides powerful opportunities for youth to learn about and engage in the world around them.

**Relevant learning experiences** – experiences youth choose to be involved in, are relevant to their interests, and are hands-on and free from judgment. High-quality learning experiences exist throughout LAYSB enrichment and intervention programming.

**YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:**
- Youth Advisory Boards in Forest Lake and North Branch
- Girls Groups
- Senior/Youth Job Connection
- Formal and Informal Mentoring Opportunities
- Safe, Supervised Social Events
- Educational and Adventurous Summer Camps

**YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELING:**
- Crisis Services
- REACH Anger Management Group (ages 13-15)
- CoRE Skills: A DBT Group for Adolescents
- Individual and Family Therapy

**PARENTING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION:**
- Phone and Walk-In Crisis Support
- Educational Classes
- Parenting Education Resources (both print and online)

**INTERVENTION SERVICES/ COMMUNITY JUSTICE:**
- Center around a Restorative Justice model where the victim, the offender, the offender’s family, and the community come together to provide restitution, redirection, and support.

Incorporate evidence-based best-practices addressing chemical use and emotion and anger issues. Include group education classes dealing with tobacco awareness, chemical awareness, and trust-building classes for parents and teens.

“*Youth is, after all, just a moment, but it is THE moment, THE spark, that you ALWAYS carry in your heart.*”
*– Raisa Gorbachev*

**LAYSB IS ALL ABOUT MAKING THE MOST OF THAT MOMENT!**

“*Young people may come for the activities, but they stay for the relationships*”
*– Forum for Youth Investment*
The Impact We Make

RELATIONSHIP-RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 76% of at-risk youth reported that they developed and maintained relationships with positive, caring adults through their contact with LAYSB.
- 86% of clients completing counseling reported significant improvement in relationships with family and friends.
- 84% of the youth who participated in leadership activities reported feeling respected and valued by adults for their contributions.

ININVOLVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP-RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 62% of at-risk youth participants in our enrichment programs reported that they would have been home alone, unsupervised, or hanging out with friends during non-school hours had they not participated in LAYSB activities.
- 84% of the youth reported they felt a stronger connectedness to their community after participating in LAYSB programs.

MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCES-RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 82% of at-risk youth who completed LAYSB’s Community Justice Program had no further involvement in illegal activities.
- 86% of at-risk youth reported that they increased their decision-making skills.
- 76% of at-risk youth and families who completed counseling reported significant improvement in the problems addressed through therapy.
- 89% of youth participating in enrichment activities reported that they learned new skills and knowledge or reinforced existing skills and knowledge.
- 95% reported that the enrichment activity was a good use of their time.

“This program (YAB) fosters responsibility and integrity in young adults and sculpts successful young adults who are ready to give their ideas to the hopeful future of our world.” Cina Dean

“Yes, it (YAB) has (changed me for the better) because it raises my spirits and makes me feel like I belong.” Meghan Falkosky
We Did It!

Our Partners for the Future Initiative Goal of $30,000 has been reached!

Three years ago, the St. Croix Valley Foundation (SCVF) selected Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau as one of nineteen nonprofit organizations to participate in an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime challenge initiative called Partners for the Future. SCVF pledged to match, dollar for dollar, funds raised by the selected nonprofit organizations which were then invested in a permanent fund at the Foundation.

We are excited to announce that we have achieved our campaign goal of $30,000 cash and pledges! Our new Partners for the Future Permanent Fund of $60,000 will allow us to better plan our future. Annual interest generated from the permanent fund will be used to stabilize current programs and provide support for new initiatives that ensure the success of youth. This is a great beginning of an ongoing effort to build the fund for the future.

A very special thank you goes to our campaign chairs, Bea Zaruba and Jim Trudeau, for their never-waivering commitment to our goal. We also want to thank everyone in the community that supported our Partners for the Future Initiative campaign! Because of caring people like you, LAYSB is stronger and better able to respond to the challenges we expect to face in the future.
THANK YOU TO ALL! We've tried to list all of our 2009 donors and volunteers, but please accept our apology if you do not see your gift of financial support, in-kind contribution, or volunteer service listed.

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**$5000 Plus Club**
Andersen Corporate Foundation
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**$3000 Plus Club**
Erin Campbell
Forest Lake Lions Club
Forest Lake Safety Camp
Jan Mehlfhoff
Mytech Partners, Inc.*
Jeff and Renee Wagner

*indicates Gift of Service

**2009 Community Partners**
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America’s Charities
Chisago County
City of Chisago
City of Columbus
City of Forest Lake
City of Hugo
City of Lindstrom
City of Scandia
City of Wyoming
Community Shares of Minnesota
Consolidated Federal Campaign
Gannett Company Employee Giving Campaign
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Marketplace We Care Program
MN Department of Corrections
MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Juvenile Justice Programs
Nelson’s Market Community Cash Program
Town of Fish Lake
Town of Linwood
Town of May
United Way of Washington County East
United Way of Southeastern PA
Washington County Community Corrections
Wells Fargo Community Support

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St. Croix Valley Foundation Grant
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Robert and Jeanne Walz
Wyoming United Methodist Church

**Matched Gifts**
Allstate Giving campaign
Ameriprise Financial Employee Gift Matching Campaign
St. Croix Valley Foundation
Thomson Reuters Workplace Giving Campaign

**Sponsor-A-Youth ($325 and above)**
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Stacy-Lent Fire Department Relief Association
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TCF Bank
Charmagne Wallin
Myron and Bea Zaruba

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

*In Memory of Henry Bierma*
Bruce and Barb Swanson

*In Memory of Judge David Doyscher*
Robert and Joseph Sorman
Robert and Jeanne Walz

*In Memory of Susan Grove*
Bruce and Barb Swanson

*In Memory of Mark Hansen*
Brian Brogmus and Claire Kotts

*In Memory of Brianna Rae Hestekin*
Rodney and Betty Hestekin

*In Memory of Jim Masteller*
Barb Masteller

*In Memory of Tom Mehlfhoff*
Jan Mehlfhoff

*In Memory of Judge Douglas Swenson*
Jennings, DeWan and Anderson, LLC
Bruce and Barb Swanson
Robert and Jeanne Walz

*In Memory of Kelly Jeanne Thompson*
Daniel and Nancy DeWan
Robert and Jeanne Walz
Richard and Elaine Willis

*In Memory of Carl Walz*
Robert and Jeannine Walz

*In Memory of Mike Whalen*
Bruce and Barb Swanson

*In Honor of Tovah Marek*
Deane and Jeannine Rusinko

*In Honor of Kristen Tuenge*
Robert and Jeanne Walz

Fishing team participating in Sunrise Bassmasters Youth Fishing Tournament.
“We are truly amazed and blessed with the progress our son has made here! We are now a happy family again.” Counseling Client

“LAYSB gave me the opportunity to grow during a time when my environment was shaky and needed stability. I will forever be grateful for that.” Youth

Non-Cash or In-Kind Gifts in Support of LAYSB Programs and Services

American Legion Post 225
Aurora Graphic Design
Autumnwood Farm
Bachman’s Photography
Bare Essentials
Bella Café and Fudge
Betty’s Pies
Blockbuster
Build a Bear
Bullseye Shooting Range
Captain’s Catering
Carousel Hair Care
Circle E Wine and Spirits
Cookie Cart
Country Home Bakery
County Line liquor
Creative Memories
Cub Foods
Dance Element
Dance Sport Center
Daniela’s
Dino’s Hoagies and Pizza
North Lakes Academy
Old Log Cabin
Olson’s Sewer Service
Patriot Bank Minnesota
Perry’s Auto Salon
The Riverbank-Wyoming
Rychley Tax and Financial Services
Schlomka Services, LLC
Security State Bank of Marine-Forest Lake
Security State Bank of Marine-Lindstrom
Silver Lane Quilting
South Shore Veterinary Hospital
State Farm Insurance
The River Bank-Chisago City
The Silver Shears
Thomco Carpet
Village Inn

Pine Tree Apple Orchard
Prairie’s Edge Casino Resort
Professor Bellows
Red Oak Steaks and Wine
Roberts Family Funeral Home
Running Aces Harness Park
Rybicki Cheese
Sheepy Yarn Shoppe
Shepherd’s Choice
Sherwin Williams
Soup Du Joor
Stars and Strikes
Entertainment Center
Stone Struck Designs
Summit Inn Bed and Breakfast
Tangled Up in Blue
The Lodge at Forest Hills
The Lodge at Giants Ridge
Timeless Elements
Tucci Bennuch
Underwater Adventures
Village Inn

Wild Mountain
Wine and Roses Liquors
John and Kim Barney
Ryan Barry
Denise Dietz
Lauren Freathy
Heather Jo Gilbertson
Jackie Hays
James and Debra Heck
Jackie Kottke
Matt and Tovah Marek
Amy O’Neil
Amanda Parenteau
Jerry and Donna Peterson
Ted Reec
Gary and Wendy Rychley
Julie Utecht
Renee Wagner
Bob and Jeanne Walz

“I have come up with better ways to spend my time and I will try to make better choices.” Youth
“I have heard it said that it takes a community to raise a child. I saw a wonderful process happen here, we all came together as a community and made a difference!”  

Victim

Friends

Steven and Patricia Curtis
Petra Cusick
Daniel and Nancy Dewan
Jim DeWan
Mark and Debra DeWan
Bruce W. Jack Doepke
Chantal Doriot
Lori Engel
Rodney and Ellen Erickson
Ken and Valerie Falk
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Steve Whitaker
Gary White
Richard and Elaine Willis
Our Volunteers

2009 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Kelsy Asklund
Leah Bentfield
Dana Bentfield
Courtney Betsch
Jill Boege
Tom Brenberg
Barb Brown
Travis Brown
Brooke Brown
Britney Brown
Jenny Cash
Cina Dean
Autumn DelVecchio
Madeline Emholz
Natalie Emholz
Meghan Falkosky
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Jules Gamboni
Hannah Gass
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Rebecca Ihamaki
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Monica Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Mollie Johnson
Casey Johnson
Taylor Kasprzak
Veronica Krawiec
Ross Larson
Dylan Lentz
Laura Lundstrom
Ashley Mages
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Molly Marrin
Ellie Manteufel
Skyler Masloski
Taylor Munson
Lauren Novak
Joel Ohman
Alexis Palmquist
Bailey Parenteau
Skylah Rachel
Alyssa Rieber
Dustin Riehm
Michael Rivard
Anthony Rivard
Travis Rosauer
Megan Schmidt
Taylor Schoonover

“LAYSB was there for me at a critical time in my adolescence. I made great friends, learned life skills, and truly bettered myself by being a part of the agency. Now, as a volunteer, I am able to give back to the agency and help continue the wonderful services that they offer to youth and adults that truly need them as I once did.” Volunteer

2009 ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Matthew Aquirre
Bridget Algiere
Shari Bachman
Kathy Bakke
Andrea Bakken
John Barney
Beverly Brodtman
Samantha Buschendorf
Carolyn Cagle
Denise Dietz
Laurie Drolson
Joor Erin
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Jacqueline Foy
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Petie Godfrey
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Brianna Strunk
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Jim Trudeau
Erie Turner
Julie Utecht
Renee Wagner
Jeanne Walz
Greg Weiss
Ashley Wittmer
Kathy Wright
Bea Zaruba
Emily Ziemer

Safety Camp volunteer junior counselors.

Volunteer Julie Utecht
Volunteer Carolyn Cagle

Safety Camper getting fitted for a brand new bike helmet.

Youth Advisory Board members attracting dirty car drivers to their car wash.
2009 SUPPORT PROGRAM REVENUE
Counties........................................ $87,150
Municipalities ............................... $43,930
State of Minnesota ......................... $84,271
Client Fees Paid ........................... $53,157

SUPPORT:
Contributions.................................. $84,506
Foundation Grants .......................... $23,250
United Way...................................... $34,961
In-Kind Donations ............................ $37,814

OTHER INCOME:
Interest Income .............................. $12,658
Special Events ............................... $17,351
Miscellaneous .................................. $12,136

Total Support & Revenue .. $491,184

2009 EXPENSES:
Program Services .......................... $398,885
General and Administrative .......... $33,615
Fundraising and Development .... $35,952

Total Expenses ................. $468,452

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS......$22,732

NET ASSETS,
BEGINNING OF YEAR......... $428,695

NET ASSETS,
END OF YEAR ...................... $451,427

Save The Date and Time!

Thursday, July 15, 2010 • 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Stars & Strikes Entertainment Center in Wyoming will host our TASTE! event.
TASTE! allows you to munch your way through samples from appetizers to desserts, showcasing the best of Lakes Area Dining!

There will be plenty of indoor and outdoor seating for you to enjoy our tastiest fundraising event. Tickets will be available soon.

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 • 6:00pm

Running Aces Harness Park in Columbus will host the Black Tie to Blue Jeans Ball, LAYSB’s premier fundraising event.
Dress in your finest attire or wear your blue jeans. Come to socialize while enjoying a fabulous dinner, music, entertainment, prizes and a great live auction!
Invitations will be sent. To be included on our invitation list, please contact us.
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Front cover photos top: Youth Advisory Board members enjoying service projects. Below: Youth having a blast at the annual Teen Lock In.