



OUR MISSION

Youth Evaluation and Treatment Centers, a 501(c)3 human services agency is dedicated to guiding at-risk youth and families to function successfully through the enhancement of knowledge, skills and responsibility.

Building a Brighter
Future for our Youth
& Families

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Summer of Transition

It was recently announced that the Maricopa Regional Behavioral Health Authority is changing hands. Value Options our friend and occasional foe is giving way to Magellan Health Care. Soon we will say good bye to all our peers, friends and associates and welcome a new team of administrators and managers.

Always with change there is a degree of anxiety and ambivalence mixed in with a sense of hope and expectation that our new leader will raise the bar on service delivery and efficient administration so that we can increase our abilities to serve our clients. We hope they will have new ideas and improved ways of doing business.

Another area of change is the move from out of home services for children to in home family centered services. This effort has been on going for several years with a variety of special projects, Project Next Step is one example.

This year however the Arizona Department of Behavioral Health has implemented the “Meet me where I am” campaign.

This ambitious initiative is to maximize community based services state wide through the provision of direct supports to families in their homes and communities.

We support this effort whole heartedly as research clearly demonstrates that it is most effective in improving the lives of children and their families while keeping them together. The down side is that direct supports have replaced residential care as the intervention of choice.

Level II Therapeutic Group Homes have felt the change and most have shut their doors. Youth Etc. will be closing its group homes this summer. They have been a major service for our entire history and will be missed.

Fortunately we have seen the transition and adapted.

We all will benefit from these changes but as always part of us will be left behind.

Jim Oleson
CEO

AGENCY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JENNIFER BRUMMET PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF OUTPATIENT SERVICES

A five year veteran of the Agency Jenn has grown with every opportunity and is moving to her new position from Outpatient Coordinator. She will be responsible for all operations related to our Outpatient business. Stacey Tarquinio , Clinical Director move her focus onto IOPSA and Project Next Step services.

KYRENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PREVENTION PROGRAM TO END

After four long and beneficial years, the Kyrene Prevention project has run its course. The federal grant that funded the project has met it's 4 year limit. Services have ended as of July 1st and final reports are due September 1st.

Thousands of school children received valuable information and experiences designed to improve their social and academic skills. In addition, many teachers were trained and will continue the curriculums into the new school year and beyond.

AGENCY GOES PAPERLESS!

The Business department's dedication and determination over the last two years to achieve a more effective and responsive information system has come to fruition. Efforts to implement a comprehensive state of the art electronic communication and reporting network has resulted in a paperless system in the following operational areas; Medical Records, Billing, Payroll, Personnel Records, Training, Scheduling and Financial Reporting.

Christine Harms, Director of Finance/IT reports that the 2007 audit will be 95% paperless. This initiative has resulted in dramatic improvements in time and personnel utilization, responsiveness and accuracy. The exciting part is that we will keep improving as new technology becomes available. The better to serve our clients and achieve our mission.

PROJECT NEXT STEP AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE (IOPSA) EXPAND.

Youth ETC has been awarded additional funds to expand our two popular programs, Project Next Step and Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse (IOPSA). Value Options and the Southwest Network have significantly increased funding to meet a growing demand for these services.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Pointe West Makeover



Delivering More Than Power.™

Before



Over one year ago, Youth ETC just began its collaboration with SRP through a unique employee community outreach program which was known fondly to us as the "Pointe West Makeover".

Through the strong commitment of SRP volunteers, Pointe West (therapeutic group home for at-risk boys 12-17yrs of age) revealed a new look as it opened its doors to the public on Saturday, April 21, 2007. SRP Employee Project Leaders, Vanessa Gauronskas and John Ronquillo as well those who contributed along the way were finally able to relax and reflect on all that they had accomplished.

In a span of 8 months SRP volunteers had drastically improved the appearance of Pointe West. They spent numerous weekends at the home working on the current project at hand.

In all a fresh coat of paint was placed throughout the 2300 square foot interior and exterior, several repairs were made, bathrooms were remodeled, the carpeting was removed and new tile was laid down, the staff office & therapy room received new wood laminate flooring, new doors were installed throughout the entire house, new window coverings were placed and the patio was extended to create more shade for the boys while outdoors. SRP volunteers had indeed achieved their goal; to make Pointe West a "home".



AFTER

Barristers Ball 07'

Hosted by the Maricopa County Bar Association / Young Lawyers Division

Each year hundreds of lawyers valley wide attend this black tie event to benefit a local charity. This year we were excited to be selected as beneficiary of all silent auction proceeds. The Barristers Ball was held on Saturday, March 3rd at the esteemed Ritz Carlton hotel. With over 100 donations in the auction, the Young Lawyers Division was able to donate

approximately \$13,462.44 to our Outpatient Department! With this funding we will be able to provide our youth assistance with after school activities such as sports, band and clubs, camp during the summer months, family centered activities and immediate needs of our families such as transportation, emergency assistance, food and clothing.

Special thanks ...

MCBA & Young Lawyers Division for believing & supporting the Youth ETC Mission. Your time invested into this fabulous event is appreciated!

Judith Wolf & Elana Nager for your guidance and support as always!

Volunteers for graciously giving of your time to plan and carry out this event

Donors Our gratitude to the individuals & companies that donated to the silent auction

COMMUNITY EVENTS



YOUTH ETC “FAIRWAY TO DREAMS” GOLF TOURNAMENT

McCormick Ranch Golf Club , Friday May 11th

This past May, Youth ETC hosted our 2nd annual golf tournament. This event brought out community partners as well as Youth ETC employees to the beautiful Palm Course at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The day began bright & early with golf (of course!) and ended with a luncheon, raffle and awards ceremony. We had a great time and look forward to the next one!

CREDIBLE

Thank you for your continued support as our 07' Dream Sponsor

FAMILY FUN DAY

Youth ETC Prevention Department teams up with City of Glendale



On Saturday, April 28, 2007, the Youth ETC Prevention Department and the City of

“Lady Blues” coordinated numerous games & activities throughout the day to include: a live DJ, inflatable slides & bouncers, relay races, bean bag toss, face painting, raffle prizes and a crafts/arts table. In addition

Department made a special appearance and offered attendees a sneak peak of their Fire Truck. The Police Department and Advocacy Center had giveaways and educated parents and children on ways to be safe this summer. **Special thanks** to all those who contributed in making our 1st Family Fun Day a big hit!

Glendale kicked off the summer season early by hosting the first-ever Family Fun Day. This free event was open to the public and brought out 100+ attendees to Rose Lane Park.



attendees were given numerous chances to win a tray of cupcakes made specially by Youth ETC employees in the cupcake

walk coordinated by Board President, Dave Bridgman.

The staff of Youth ETC, city employees and Phoenix’s own women’s rugby team volunteers the

In addition to the fun & games the Glendale Fire



STORY FROM OUR STAFF

ONCE UPON A TIME...

*Family Services Coordinator, Lori Sorensen
shares a story of her recent experience working with young boys placed in our care*

There were three boys living at the Next Step house. One of them was moved over to Pointe West to continue with us while we worked with his team to find a foster home that could meet his needs.

Our second young man was ready and excited to go back home with his family. With CPS and the courts involved it was decided he could not go home until his family actually had a home for him to come to, which they did not. The team worked very hard and very close with one another on a daily basis. Community funding was found to assist Mom with purchasing a mobile home.

There were many barriers to the move, such as the mobile needed to be transported from Utah to the Navaho Reservation in Northern Arizona, There needed to be an approval from the "grazen official" to allow them to even apply for electricity on the land. There needed to be a very large tank to store water in, as there is no running water there. This family worked hard together with their team to make all this happen, and on the 13th of April, this young man was reunited with his Mom and 3 younger brothers.

We later received a call that when they pulled up in front of his new home, he cried and cried. Not out of happiness for being there, but for sadness of leaving the Next Step house, and the love and support he received there. As of date, he is doing well, going to school, and happy to be home.

Our third little guy, he had been in 28 different placements, before coming to the Next Step house. He had one of the largest child and family teams ever before seen, and was one of the most energetic little people you could know. He was very good at keeping folks on their toes every minute of the day and night. He also found it necessary to have the walls patched in various places many times throughout his stay here. All that had the pleasure of working with him, knew that at any moment they may be bit, or kicked, or spit on, or at the next moment they may be given a huge hug. Many folks in Arizona doubted this little guy could maintain in the community, and especially doubted he would be able to live in a family home.

We at Youth ETC offered him a safe place to vent and to learn, and did not give up on him. We worked very hard with his child and family team, reminding them constantly of the Arizona Vision. On April 13th he was picked up by his new foster father, and is living in a family home, and to date is attending school, happy and healthy. Last month, while speaking with his team via phone, he stated that the people at Youth ETC are part of his family now.

One day these boys will graduate high school, and move on into adult hood. In all their memories of having to grow up in the system of care, and in a residential setting, We can only hope and pray that every once and awhile, they think back and remember the folks, who believed in them, and didn't give up on them, and that may be the one little memory helps them remember to believe in someone else.

COMMUNITY GIVING



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YOUTH ETC TEAMS UP WITH



We are excited to announce that we have collaborated with Goodsearch.com to raise funding for our 2008 school year.

Goodsearch is a new search engine powered by Yahoo that donates a penny per search to the charity it's users designate.

Support us!
 Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter *Youth Evaluation and Treatment Centers* as the charity you want to support.

A little can go a long way!

WISH LIST

- Clothing (men, women, children, baby) *Coats in winter time
- Tennis shoes & socks
- Beds, blankets, towels & washcloths
- Dishes, pots & pans
- Everyday necessities such as paper towels, soap, shampoo & toilet paper
- Gift certificates for family activities (ex: movie tickets, bowling, etc)
- Books, recreational equipment

Success is not possible alone— it can only be achieved by those who willingly contribute

YOUTH ETC LEADERSHIP

YOUTH ETC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Farewell

With much gratitude we say farewell to **Barbara Horner**. Barbara served on the Youth ETC Board as Treasurer for 7 years. She has truly made a lasting impression on Youth ETC and will be missed.

Transitions

After a 3 year tenure **Elana Nager** has resigned as Board President. Elana has been a member of the board since 2002 and will continue her membership as a Director. Under her leadership the board has planned and hosted 2 amazing Dinner events, a cocktail fundraiser, 2 golf tournaments and continually met the needs of our youth & families. We'd like to thank Elana for her constant dedication to Youth ETC and our mission.

Previous mentor turned Board Member, **David Bridgman** has been elected as Board President. David Bridgman has served on the Board for 4 years and supported Elana as Vice President. We are definitely excited to have his enthusiasm and positive attitude lead us into the years that lie ahead.

Welcome!

We'd like to welcome our newest board members **Kale Dattaraya** (Director of Finance, Efunds Corporation) and **Ann Myers-Jones** (CEO, Direct Marketing Know How)

2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID BRIDGMAN

President (Member since 2003)

ELANA NAGER

Director (Member since 2002)

JANIS RAYNAK

Director (Member since 1994)

TONY SOLA

Director (Member Since 2005)

KALE DATTATRAYA

Director (Member since 2007)

ANN MYERS-JONES

Director (Member since 2007)

QUALITY MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Clinical Director of Residential and Prevention Services

JENNIFER BRUMMET

Clinical Director of Outpatient Services

KATHY PEDERSEN

Director of HR

STACEY TARQUINIO

Clinical Director of Community Support Services

Share our passion for kids!

Board Membership

We are always seeking exceptional individuals to serve on our Board of Directors.

Volunteer for our Special Events or Host one of your own!

Youth ETC holds 1-2 fundraisers a year. We look to our volunteers to assist with the development of our special events and day of support.

We have been very fortunate to have local organizations host their own events that benefit Youth ETC. These events have ranged from coin drives to corporate galas.

In Kind Donations

Donate used clothing, furniture and household goods to our families in need. To view our current wish, you may visit us online at www.youthetc.org

Monetary contributions are always welcome and may be sent to

4414 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85015

Attention: Community Development

For more information on how you can get involved, contact our Community Development Department at (602) 285-5550 ext 336

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