

2009
Report to the
community



youthlink



YouthLink

Board of Directors

Freddie Davis-English

President

Community Volunteer

Pat Wamser

Vice President/Secretary

Wamser Associates

Lorie Alveshere

Minnesota Organization
on Adolescent Pregnancy,
Prevention & Parenting

Carolyn Chase

University of Minnesota
Carlson School of Business

Gail Dorfman

Hennepin County Commissioner

Lucy Kapp

Minneapolis Public Schools

Jill Sando

Target Corporation

Matthew Wolsfeld

Northern Technologies
International Corporation

Vision

Empowering youth to shape their futures by providing a safe, supportive, respectful and responsive community of excellence. YouthLink is the place where the END of homelessness and the END of poverty begin for youth served.

Mission

YouthLink creates meaningful and healthy relationships with youth and the community so that doors of opportunity are opened to a future of empowerment and self-sufficiency, and connectedness.



“Where do I go from here?”

For young people in crisis, walking through YouthLink’s front door is the first, safe step toward reclaiming the lives they were meant to lead.

Beyond the welcome desk, they see the comforting commotion of the drop-in center and hear the buzz of energy there. They begin to feel safe in this place full of young people who look like them, act like them, have stories like theirs.

The next step is ours — to connect with the young people who open that door, helping them sort through the complex circumstances that have shaped their young lives: homelessness, precarious housing or unsafe family situations, to name a few. We meet them where they are, listening as no one has listened before.

Together, we blaze a hopeful trail towards safety, education, housing, health and responsible, accountable lives.

It's lonely out there.

You just can't live at home anymore.

You're too old for foster care but have no plan for what's next.

You've been in jail. Your mom's boyfriend got too close.

You've run out of couches to sleep on. **Your "boyfriend" wants to sell you and your body.**

Your parents are high all the time. You're feeling desperate and need to talk.

You're hungry and scared. Sick and tired.

Alone, rejected or detached from safe family environments, youth in crisis and facing homelessness are invisible to most of us.

That's because they look like everybody else: Alert and engaged, in motion, wearing current styles, carrying a bag or backpack, often using a pre-loaded cell phone — their only connection to their world.

These young people manage to get through the day by blending in. But nighttime is another story altogether. Look for them curled up in hotel lobbies, in airport bathrooms, in the vestibule of a deserted office building or on an all-night bus. Or maybe you still won't see them, but they're there, sleeping on a different couch from night to night or bartering favors for a bed.

Like overstuffed backpacks, homelessness is heavy, filled with emotional and social burdens. Most of us can't begin to imagine what they've seen in their young lives. They have little experience navigating the world — and even less confidence. Their fear is disguised as bravado.

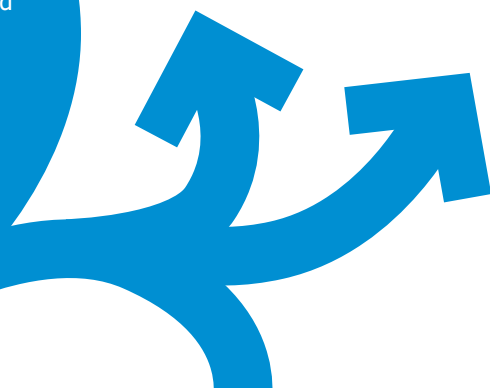
Being homeless and young is a double whammy

It's an age-old puzzle — *how do you know what you don't know?*

That's why homelessness and youth are an especially dangerous combination. For myriad reasons, the young people we serve, ages 16 to 21, have found themselves with no shelter, family or social support system to see them through turbulent times.

Their inexperience, lack of skills, sketchy or stalled education, and the normal limits of a young, developing mind create a perfect storm — just the combination to spawn a cycle of frustration, anxiety and failure that's nearly impossible to break without help.

At 19, Jessica was homeless in the suburbs. From early childhood, she had struggled to manage a life that was tough by anyone's standards. No longer employed, evicted, her fiancé away in the military, and alienated from her mom and stepdad, she appeared at YouthLink one rainy Wednesday. Though the drop-in center was closed that day, a staff member spotted her, unlocked the door, invited her in — and changed her life. For the next few months, she leaned on YouthLink for counseling, connections and, best of all, hope. "They helped me believe in myself." Jessica has found her life in South Carolina — she married her fiancé in December of 2008, with family and YouthLink staff members in attendance. She says, with great confidence, "I'm not scared anymore. I won't be a victim again."





That's where YouthLink enters the picture.

Reconnecting young people with possibility

At YouthLink, we work to provide a stable core of support for homeless and disenfranchised youth. Our drop-in center offers immediate respite from the anxiety of life without shelter. In the company of other young people, and in their own time, drop-in visitors begin to experience something many have never known — safe community.

Caring staff connects with these young people *exactly where they are*: no judgment, no “shoulds,” no demands except mutual respect. YouthLink staff often become mentors and friends — the reliable and trustworthy adults missing from young lives in crisis. We guide them to the best resources available, whether inside our doors or out in the community. And if they choose, we stay connected — through joyful “ups” and frustrating “downs” — until they're well on their way to safety and self-sufficiency.

Results replace wishful thinking

Since we first opened our doors in 1974, YouthLink has grown to become one of the largest and most experienced nonprofit youth service providers in the Twin Cities.

True to our mission, YouthLink is results-oriented and focused on serving youth in crisis. By building meaningful, healthy relationships with young people and with the community, we've proven that we're able to break down barriers and provide real-time, practical solutions.

When we work together to empower young people in crisis, hope is restored. Absolutely everyone wins.

CeCe and her little cousin, Shuga, had spent their young lives caring for irresponsible parents, and they were looking for a fresh start together. On the streets with no good plan, they were hailed by a kind cabbie. They looked lost, he said. He knew of a place — just across the bridge — called YouthLink. An honorable man, he delivered them to the drop-in center. They connected with caring case managers who connected them with the services they would need to create a future. As independent, self-supporting young women, both CeCe and Shuga worked supervisory shifts at St. Barnabas Apartments. Though we lost Shuga to cancer not long ago, CeCe tells their story with joy and gratitude. YouthLink made “home” possible for them again.



She's was homeless at 16, pregnant at 17 and a grieving mom just months later — her baby boy, Marsean, died before he was born. Brittany looked for help with her terrible sadness, loneliness, and homelessness. She found YouthLink. Today, with a GED certificate in her hand and college in her future, she credits the caring staff at YouthLink with her focus, tenacity and mental health. "They've become my family," she says. This fall, employed and entering college, Brittany's homelessness is a memory.

She proudly signed her first apartment lease at summer's end.



If we build it, they will come

That's what we said at YouthLink when Hennepin County and Heading Home Hennepin chose our location to be the site of an exciting, community-wide hub for youth services: a youth opportunity center, where young people in crisis can get meaningful, timely help from dozens of resources *right where they are on their journey*.

As Center partners and navigators for youth, we focus on creating simpler, straighter paths to the best, most appropriate resources, while providing personal guidance to young people who seek safe, self-sufficient futures.

The Youth Opportunity Center will have deep ties to the community and a comprehensive array of resources. We intend to inspire dramatic, systemic change in the delivery of services to youth in crisis in the Twin Cities. The list of collaborative resources and agencies lining up to join the effort continues to grow.

"Business as usual" won't fly here

The Center has three distinct goals:

- To inspire systemic change in the delivery of services to homeless, precariously housed and marginalized youth in the Twin Cities. Together, we will use existing resources to improve effectiveness and efficiency in the way youth in crisis are served.
- To reduce the incidence of sustained, chronic homelessness among Twin Cities youth by 1) increasing the number who are served; 2) decreasing the amount of time they spend on the streets or in shelters; 3) giving them the knowledge of, and access to, services; 4) providing them with tools and skills to stabilize their lives; and 5) helping them move toward self-sufficiency.
- To improve the physical and mental health and wellness of the population we serve through on-site services, counseling and education.

We are determined to interrupt the cycles of failure that grip young people in peril. Next year, we hope to report unprecedented success in restoring their hopes and futures.



Knock, and the (front) door will be opened

The Youth Opportunity Center's one-stop campus will open its *front* doors at our re-tooled building on Twelfth Avenue N., within sight of downtown Minneapolis, in November 2010.

The challenge of rearranging YouthLink's 30,000 sq. ft. into a more usable, welcoming, multi-faceted, efficient, effective Youth Opportunity Center — no small task — was tackled by a team of creative architects and designers whose ingenuity helped keep costs down without sacrificing our vision.

The brand-new face of the building features a prominent entryway to everything the Youth Opportunity Center has to offer. Once inside, a bright, warm welcome center is staffed by experts who can direct youth to the services they seek, like case manager appointments, support group meetings, tutoring

Jasmin M. was in crisis. Anger crowded her days, and no wonder — her grandma's boyfriend had molested her for six years. Tossed out at 16, she remembers the feeling: if your family doesn't want you, nobody does. For shelter, she "couch-hopped."

When she was 18, a friend of a friend took her to YouthLink; now Jasmin's case manager is helping her earn her driver's license, and she just finished an internship downtown — she'd like a paid position in an office. With a regular paycheck, she'll be in line for her own apartment at St. Barnabas or Archdale. Playing on YouthLink's street soccer team, Up Top, helps her manage anger, too. "You don't think about anything outside. You focus on your team and soccer. Just soccer." Jasmin will be heading to Ghana soon, as part of a bridge program.



sessions, health care and wellness assistance and GED classes.

We're also there to direct youth in crisis to the drop-in center, where basic needs like food and clothing can be met in a safe, warm place.

Caring staff connect with them on their level, working quietly and tirelessly to help them see and create a brighter future.

More than meets the eye

Unseen work is often the true catalyst for systemic change — a kind of revolution that begins in the soul of an organization. Youth Opportunity Center partners were fashioning the "insides" of our new service delivery model, even as the contractors were relocating our entrance. The product of our collaboration: Four Centers of Excellence — areas of expertise and best practice — that we see as our smartest springboards to systemic change.

Center of Excellence: Crisis Intervention and Basic Needs

Youth in crisis feel utterly alone. With so little experience and a great deal of fear, they're likely to make bad or dangerous decisions.

Meals, basic supplies, clean water, showers, laundry facilities, clothes, computer access, lockers, help with transportation, a safe place to be with their children and other tangible interventions offer immediate relief and a degree of safety.

Less obvious are the essential, empowering connections made here. True, some first-timers ask for help or ideas right away. But most visit a few times before speaking at all. Many can't identify the deeper causes of their isolation, anger or sadness.

So talented drop-in center staff blend in, observe and connect to help youth see, without threat or shame, that there is hope and possibility. The walls are works of art — ingenious, intentional and non-threatening communication supporting our mission and their futures. Music happens, a rhythm of comfort. And then, we quietly help them reclaim their lives.

We're determined to provide a way in so we can help them find a way out.

Center of Excellence: Education and Employment

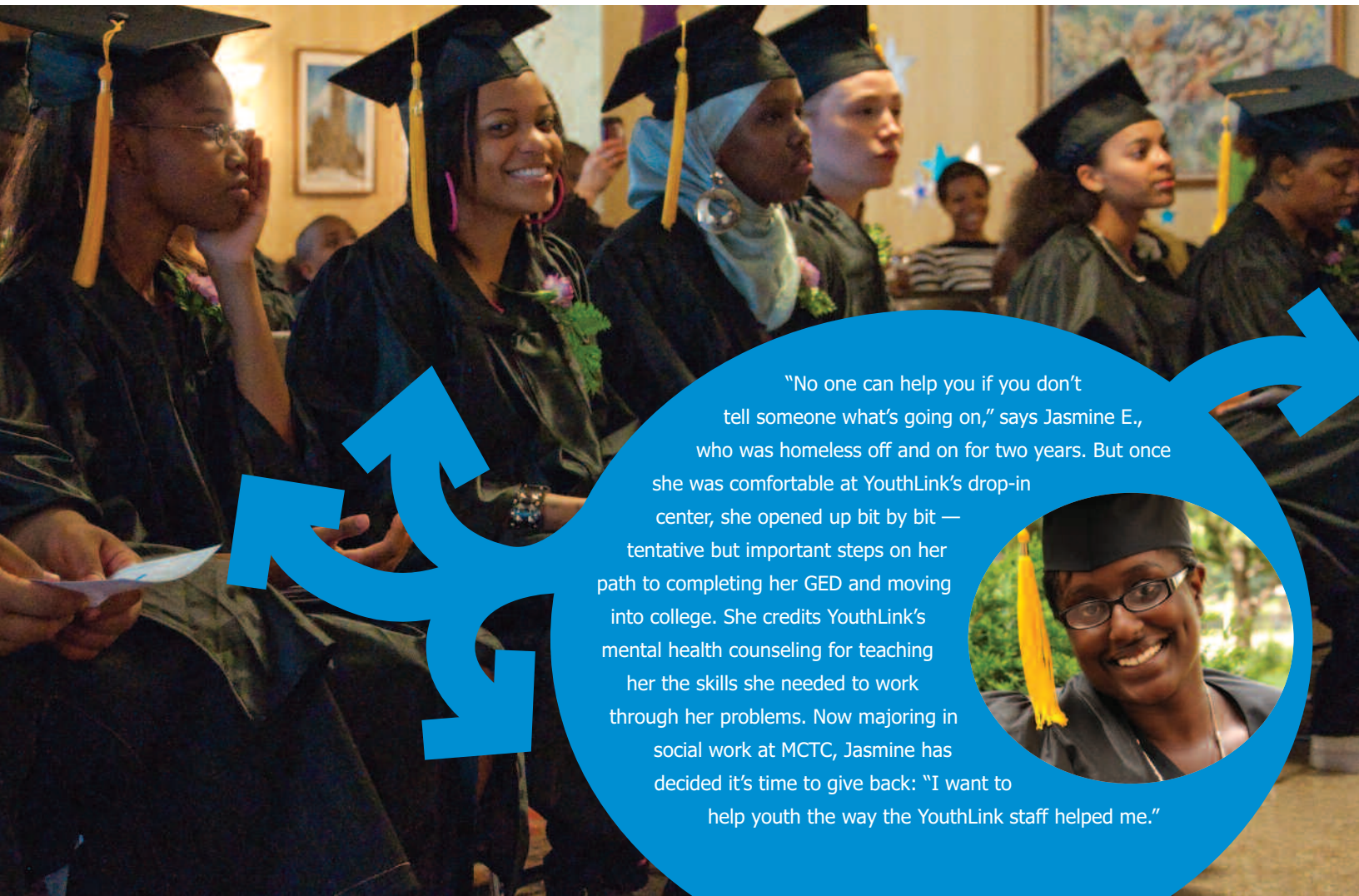
For years, YouthLink has offered on-site education in many of ways and forms, from one-on-one tutoring that supports public education, to GED preparation, to college-level classes in partnership with area post-secondary schools. We work hand-in-hand with MCTC, too, to make college a possibility for the youth we serve.



Many young people have no career plans, and why would they? They can barely envision any future, much less a fulfilling one. Education at YouthLink has always included career counseling, job training and basic living skills instruction to help them see themselves in a cap and gown, cashing a paycheck, paying rent.

The Youth Opportunity Center presents an even broader range of services, offering the most promising opportunities in town to give youth a better chance. With YouthLink's proven partnerships and creative new ones, we are expanding the ways in which we support young people on their way to self-sufficiency and financial independence.

The Youth Opportunity Center partners agree: Education and employment are critical steps to end poverty and homelessness. Period.



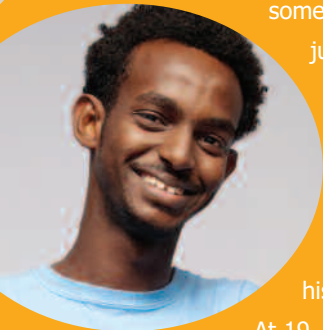
"No one can help you if you don't tell someone what's going on," says Jasmine E., who was homeless off and on for two years. But once she was comfortable at YouthLink's drop-in center, she opened up bit by bit — tentative but important steps on her path to completing her GED and moving into college. She credits YouthLink's mental health counseling for teaching her the skills she needed to work through her problems. Now majoring in social work at MCTC, Jasmine has decided it's time to give back: "I want to help youth the way the YouthLink staff helped me."





Language was a barrier. Weather posed a challenge. A new culture, a new school. Hopes of something better were hard to cling to. Tura H., just 15 and fresh from his country, Kenya, faced grim challenges. Miserable, he skipped school and couldn't cope with this unfamiliar life. Then, two years ago, a friend told him about Up Top, YouthLink's street soccer team. Soccer was a language Tura understood; life improved. But things were not going well with his dad, and Tura found himself homeless earlier this year.

At 19, Tura slept on friends' couches for months, and finally talked to his soccer coaches about his tough situation. The YouthLink staff who coach Up Top helped him find shelter. Now a high-school graduate, he is employed and considering college. Tura was thrilled to travel to Washington, DC with Up Top, and was one of seven team players to be invited to the Homeless World Cup in Rio de Janeiro in September. Goal!



Center of Excellence: Youth Housing

Visit St. Barnabas Apartments or Archdale, the transitional housing units managed by Aeon and staffed by YouthLink. The buildings are comfortable, peaceful and well-maintained. YouthLink provides 24/7 support services to young renters in these buildings. Tenant rules are posted. Homelessness defeated?

The back-story is a little more sobering: waiting lists for apartments; young people in emergency shelters or camped on couches until they're able to find work, save a little money, make the small rent payment. They become discouraged, just when they're on the brink of success.

Young renters are often new to apartment life, too — neighbors, safety, upkeep, noise control, security doors, payment deadlines. They need training and skills to be successful.

Youth Opportunity Center partners know what we've accomplished so far in the Twin Cities is impressive, but not enough. We need more units, other kinds of transitional housing and collaborative intra-agency communication.

Good things are happening. Westminster Presbyterian and Plymouth Congregational churches have partnered to create Nicollet Square, a new 42-unit transitional housing complex in Minneapolis, being developed by the Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation. YouthLink is proud to be part of this exciting collaborative effort. We're committed to providing on-site support services linked to employment services provided by H.I.R.E.D., together with a retail partner yet to be named. Another on-site partner, CommonBond, will provide property management services.



Center of Excellence: Health and Wellness

So often, young people in crisis think of the hospital ER as “health care.” Youth Opportunity Center partners know they need more appropriate and better care options, and the education to help them find the best care at the best level. Many are not aware of public health insurance options. Without expert help, even completing application forms can be daunting.

Mental health is often compromised for our young people, too, since the very reasons they have no home may involve family alcoholism, drug use, physical or sexual abuse. Depression and many other obstacles inhibit learning, contribute to behavior issues and lead to drug abuse, homelessness and hopelessness.

Youth Opportunity Center partners connect our youth with the care they need, then advocate and navigate on their behalf. Health education, including reproductive health counseling, is available during every private appointment with our medical partners. Lack of access to appropriate care is a system-wide emergency for our youth. As partners, we are on the job, collaborating with caregivers who recognize the importance of healing to young, hurting people.

The Youth Opportunity Center is poised to be the best of the best at connecting with youth in crisis. We'll find what they need to become contributing, self-sufficient adults with honest-to-goodness futures.

The Youth Opportunity Center offers lasting, systemic change, fueled by passion, creativity and the collaboration of experts. We will make a difference.

Dear Community Friends,

If you have ever been in YouthLink while the drop-in center is open, you understand why it's easy for us to keep youth as the focus of our attention. The building pulsates with the energy young people bring with them as they interact with each other, connect with staff, and tend to their young children who clamor for their attention. Whether I'm just passing through or taking part in a small group discussion, I have a daily reminder that these young people are the reason YouthLink is here. I'm also very aware that these young people are the reason you have taken an interest in YouthLink.



During 2009, the YouthLink Board, staff members and volunteers continued our efforts to strengthen our core by focusing and aligning our programs with our vision and mission — helping young people in crisis open doors of opportunity that lead to a future of empowerment and self-sufficiency. Our staff and volunteers who work directly with youth are incredible. They have the dedication, skills and the ability to meet young people in crisis *where they are in their lives*, and help guide them toward the resources and decisions they need to grow.

While we need to continue our focus on delivering quality services in our key areas — crisis intervention/basic needs, health and wellness, education and employment, and youth housing — we are also working to refine the organization that supports these services. The Board has strategically added to its membership in ways that bring valuable new skills and perspectives. We have also taken significant steps to strengthen the management of our finances, and enhance our fundraising and communications programs. The result was that we ended 2009 in a much stronger financial position than the previous year.

We have also made very significant progress on our community-wide effort to create the innovative Youth Opportunity Center at YouthLink — one of the key strategies in the Heading Home Hennepin *Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County*. Last fall, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approved \$700,000 in funding to establish the Youth Opportunity Center, a number of foundations, corporations and individuals have also provided important support for the renovation of our facility. But this is not just about bricks and mortar, and it's certainly not about business as usual. We have been given an awesome opportunity and responsibility to build a strategic collaboration of community partners who share our vision and passion for bringing about systemic change in the delivery of services to youth in crisis and reducing the incidence of long-term, chronic homelessness.

All of us at YouthLink are excited about the coming months as we work with the community to move closer to the vision of ending homelessness. We sincerely thank all of you for your continuing support of the homeless and vulnerable young people in our community.

In appreciation,

Heather Huseby, Ed.D.
Executive Director

P.S. We encourage you to visit us at YouthLink and learn more about how your support helps young people who fight battles most of us have never imagined.

Crisis Intervention & Basic Needs

The gateway to ending homelessness is YouthLink's full-service crisis drop-in center. This safe, supportive place, offering meals, clothing, showers, lockers and computer access, is often the first step toward self-sufficiency and independence for the young people we serve. YouthLink staff connects with them on their level and can help connect them to legal services, advocacy groups, case managers and other social support.

In 2009:

Civil Society awarded YouthLink a grant to support education and outreach activities related to human trafficking among homeless youth. As a result, **3** victims of human trafficking were identified during the year; all are now in a safe and supported environment.

1,262 unduplicated youth in crisis made nearly **11,000** visits to the drop-in center.

Outreach workers made **4,337** contacts with youth on the streets providing basic needs supplies, resource information, transportation assistance and informal counseling.

Education & Employment

Education and employment are key ingredients of self-sufficiency. YouthLink offers one-on-one tutoring for GED preparation, independent living skills classes, and hands-on help for the youth we serve with re-enrollment in school; resources for staying in school; college applications, fees and financial aid forms; career guidance; resumes; job searches; our own chef's training program; and ongoing support for those who are employed.

In 2009:

The YouthLink/HIRED Summer Employment Program was highlighted as a best practice by the City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

28 youth received their GED.

11 received their high school diplomas, and several others transitioned to a post-secondary program.

Youth Housing

When it comes to housing, YouthLink is a leader in providing support services in the Twin cities. We employ on-site supervisors at Archdale and St. Barnabas Apartments — 115 units of transitional and permanent housing. We support 46 scattered sites as well, through GRH and YMT housing programs.

In 2009:

YouthLink secured approval of economic stimulus funding which will be used to support Nicollet Square, a new transitional housing facility opening this fall in South Minneapolis.

129 youth obtained and maintained housing supported by YouthLink, Archdale and Barnabas.

88% of youth residents obtained at least a 6-month rental history.

71% of youth residents increased their education during the year.

79% of youth exiting the housing program increased their income level by the time of exit.

Health & Wellness

YouthLink provides access to basic clinical health services through the on-site health clinic staffed in a partnership with Health Care for the Homeless, and a mental health team to assist youth with long-term mental health needs in their transition to adult care systems.

In 2009:

The mental health program has worked with **117** clients providing ongoing counseling, health and wellness assessments, crisis intervention, support and psycho-education groups, and assistance making appointments with other mental health and health care professionals. Groups provided this past year include anger management workshops, healthy relationships education group and a grief support group. We participate in the monthly health fairs helping to educate clients about mental health issues and to de-stigmatize mental illness.

Financial Highlights

Statement of Financial Position

Balance Sheet at December 31, 2009

	2009	2008
Assets		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 572,470	\$ 547,032
Grants Receivable	613,465	251,674
Pledges Receivable	57,500	212,500
Prepaid	30,813	30,064
Total Current Assets	\$1,274,248	\$1,041,270
Property & Equipment (net)	1,536,662	1,615,432
Total Assets	\$2,810,910	\$2,656,702
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	55,111	27,936
Accrued Liabilities	124,183	109,007
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 179,294	\$ 136,943
Mortgage and Capital Lease	154,005	174,184
Line of Credit	100,000	9,933
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 254,005	\$ 184,117
Total Liabilities	\$ 433,299	\$ 321,060
Undesignated Net Assets	140,049	129,394
Designated for Operating Reserves	300,000	300,000
Designated for Transitional Housing Project	142,500	142,500
Designated for Health and Wellness Clinic	50,000	50,000
Temporarily Restricted Assets	362,405	272,500
Property and Equipment Net Assets	1,382,657	1,441,248
Total Net Assets	\$2,377,611	\$2,335,642
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,810,910	\$2,656,702



Statement of Revenues and Expenses

January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009

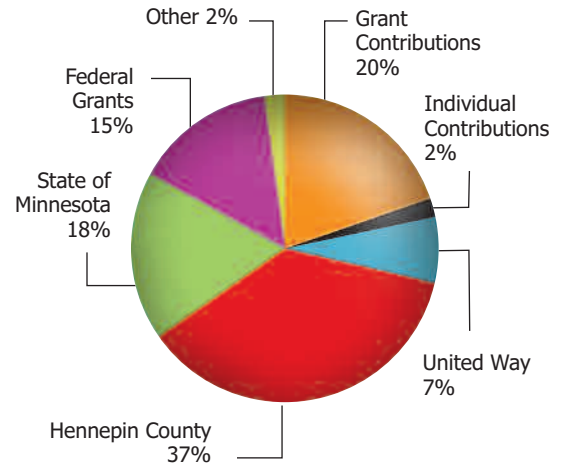
	2009	2008
Revenue		
Contributions from Grants	\$ 641,612	\$ 421,327
Contributions from Individuals	50,442	49,904
United Way	210,640	258,887
Hennepin County	1,170,819	1,094,839
State of Minnesota	563,686	537,074
Federal Grants	464,082	325,526
In-kind Donations	745	2,855
Interest	2,812	8,176
Other	63,343	24,882
Total Revenue	\$3,168,181	\$2,669,606

Expenses by Program

Crisis Intervention/Basic Needs	1,031,085	1,042,827
Youth Housing	1,025,757	905,311
Education and Employment	241,790	246,486
Health and Wellness	179,159	123,224
Total Program Expenses	\$2,477,791	\$2,317,848
Fundraising	\$ 70,989	\$ 162,323
Management and General	498,663	340,026
Total Supportive Services	\$ 569,652	\$ 502,349
Total Expenses before Depreciation	\$3,047,443	\$2,820,197
Net Revenue/(Expense) before Depreciation	\$ 120,738	\$ (150,591)
Depreciation	78,769	75,278
Net Revenue/(Expense) after Depreciation	\$ 41,969	\$ (225,869)

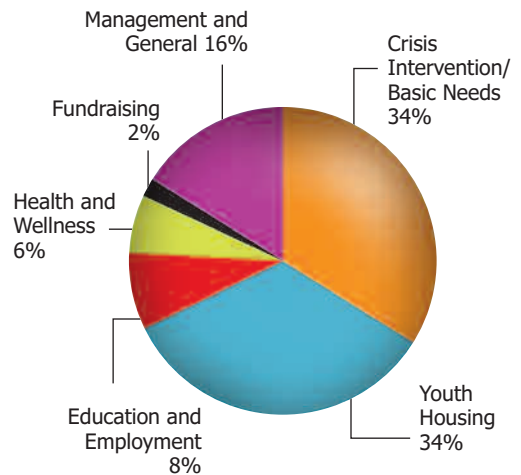
2009 Revenue

For year ended December 31, 2009



2009 Expenses by Program

For year ended December 31, 2009



2009 Donors and Funders

Your support, in all of its forms, is deeply appreciated at YouthLink. From the practical socks, hats and mittens that solve today's problems to the financial gifts that help us plan for tomorrow, your generosity fuels our mission to end homelessness and poverty for Twin Cities youth. Thank you!

Jean Abbott
R. Charles Ahl
Kathy Albergotti
Sharon Albrecht
Lorie Alveshere
Amy Anderson
Charles Anderson
Anonymous
Michael Arneson
Sandy Aslaksen
Roman Augustoviz
Jeanne Bailey
Thomas Barnd
Judie Belde
John Belew
Marlene Belgum
Jo Benson
Jody Beresford
Joy Berg
Suzanne Berge
Jefferey Bergeron
Lisa Bernard
Patience Biedler
Richard Bielawski
Judyth Bigelow
Rebecca Binder
Carol Blackburn
Kerstin Block
Juble Blomberg
Marilyn Blore
M. Blowers
Nicole Boardway
Dawn Boettcher
Cheryl Bogen
Kate Booth
Alicia Borovansky
Val Bourassa
Mary Bowmann
Alan Braun
Stacy Brazier
Sally Bredehoft
Jessica Britton

Julie Brown
Ryan Buesgens
Christina Bumgardner
Joel Burda
Georgann Burns
Douglas Buzay
Brittany Campanelli
Asilia Caddy
Ric Canepa
Maureen Carlson
Chris Chookiatsirichai
S Christopherson
Nancy Cincotta
Carol Clarke
Louise Clarke
Patricia Clarke
Kimberly Cline
Karen Collyard
Roger Conhaim
Deborah Cook
Julia Corneil-Smith
Tricia Cornell
Alice Countryman
Sara Cowan
Peter Crawford
Peter Crema, Sr.
Neil Cunningham
Marianne D'Angelo
Barbara Dahlen
Tina Dale
John Danielson
George Davis
Freddie Davis-English
Sherry Dayton
Paul Delperdang
Ann DeTuncq
Denise Dieffenbach
Rebecca Diehl
Elaine Dietrich
Stephanie Djerf
Linda Donahue
John Dorman

Carolyn Dry
Paula Duffey
Caroline Durham
Lorelei Ecklund
Jan Elftmann
Stephen Elison
Priscilla Elwell
Ronald Engh
Steven Engler
Lisa Englund
Paul Englund
Lawrence Fern
Theresa Ferrozzo
Sarah Fesler
Rosanne Fidler
Ellen Foley
Richard Forschler
Rebecca Fraenkel
Kirsten Frantzich
Anne Frenchick
Patrick Galf
Brianna Gallet
Linda Garbacz
Donna Garbe
Freida Gardner
Laurie Gauer
Allison Gelfman
Anna Gengler
Philip Geraffo
Erin Ghere
Charles Gilmore
Mark Glodoski
Ann Godfrey
Bonnie Goebel
Bethany Golden
Isabel Gomez
Kari Goodman
Joyce Gooselaw
Leann Grathwohl
Roxanne Graupman
Jim Greenberg
Carol Guidry

Havey Haagenson
Robert Hadler
Martha Hagan
Mary Ann Hagan
Patricia Hague
Candice Hall
Jeffrey Haltli
Ronald Hamel
Barbara Hansen
Molly Harrington
Spencer Harris
Brooke Hart
Dennis Hauck
Bob Haugen
Deb Haugen
Michael Hay
Darlene Hays
Brad Henderson
Jake Henke
Robert Henke
Marc Hertz
Lynda Hinrichs
David Hintz
Nancy Hite
Jason Hobbler
Erin Hoffman
Leonard Hoffman
Tony Hoffman
Karen Hogendorf
Mark Hoiem
Mary Hoopman
Caroline Horton

Roger Howard
Allison Huber
Heather Huseby
Rebecca Hustedt
Jenna Hutchinson
Nancy Hylden
Corrina Jacobson
Lauren Jansen
Michele Jansen
Welcome Jerde
Gary Johnson
Joan Johnson
Karen Johnson
Kari Johnson
Krystal Johnson
Norman Johnson
Nancy Kaczrowski
William Kaemmerer
Julie Kamara
Donna Kaplan
Mary Jo Katke
Jane Kaufman
Colleen Kennedy
Todd Kennedy
Amy Kerber
Patsy Kiesner
Dong Kim
Mary King
Bree Klawien
Gregory Klingler
Kimberly Khandel

Now YouthLink
supporters can donate online at
www.youthlinkmn.org

It's simple, secure and helps us
reduce our administrative
expenses!

Linda Koblick
Imogene Koehler
Kathryn Kolesar
Kenneth Kolvig
Michael Korsah
David Kostik
Harriette Krasnoff
Victoria Krenik
Herbert Kritzer
Stephen Kroiss
Donna Kurimay
Jeremy Kurtz
Karen Kushner
Susan Kvidera
Carol Lacey
Kristen LaFavor
Joyce LaMere
Shannon Lange
Tawnya Langer
Christopher Larson
Elizabeth LaVine
Elizabeth Lee
Gerald Leedom
Wanda Lehman
Kyle Lemberg
Katherine Lesnau
Ed Levin
Bruce Libson
Tyler Lindeman
Bob Lindgren
Karen Lindholm
Collen Litkewitsch
Jennifer Livingston
Patti Lloyd
Carol Lock
Katie Long

Ann Longfellow
James Lorch
Raymond Lundberg
Janis Lysen
Scott Maclachlen
Myra Madsen
Kirsten Mair
Carianne Maki
Peggy Mandel
Angelica Maravelas
Anthony Marcello
Marcia Marshall
Mary Martin
Mary Ann Martin
Shelley Martin
Bob Masters
Mary Louise Mathison
Sally Mattison
Lee Mauk
Sara Mavec
Virginia McAninch
Mark McCombs
Giles McConville
Sandra McDonald
Mary McDonough
Dan McLellan
Jennifer McNamara
Nancy McPherson
Barbara McQuillan
Robert Mersky
Mikayla Meyer
John Middendorf
Ruthie Milker
Cara Miller
Chelsea Miller
Lynne Miller

René Miller
Thomas Miller
Tina Miller
Lexy Millett
Douglas Mitchell
Morey Mitchell
Lindsay Mlazar
Jodi Moore
Sarah Moore
Thomas Moran
Linda Morantez
Jeffrey Morris
Juliann Morris
Deirdre Murnane
Edward Murphy
Vera Myers
Jason Nasal
Susan Nauschultz
Laura Nelson
Nancy Nelson
Rodney Nelson
Tom Nelson
Bruce Nerland
Kathy Noel
Aimee Norasingh
Scott Nordby
Nancy Nordling
Ramon Nuñez
Randy O'Brien
Patrick O'Connor
Liam O'Dea
Charlotte Olson
Laura Opsahl
Chelsea Orgren
Brenda Orth
Nancy Ouska

Renee Palm
Helen Palmer
Debra Palmquist
Michael Panicola
Patricia Pannkuk
Paige Pelini
Dennis Percy
Daniel Perzel
Brenda Peterson
Catherine Pham
Callie Phelps
Margaret Poirier
Sally Polk
Keren Price
Sheena Pruitt
Loretta Pruitt-Rud
Ruth Purtilo
Patricia Quarberg
Cindy Racchini
Jackie Radde
Joel Rainville
Mary Rankin
Dennis Raymond
Jan Reifs-Teck
Kim Reiman
Deborah Reinhardt
Joe Rennich
Deb Renshaw
Mark Repenshek
John Revier
Susan Reynolds
Kevin Rhein
Barbara Riggs
Marilyn Rivkin
Leigh Rosenberg
Rebecca Rosenberg

Lovetta Roufs
Sally Rubenstein
Gloria Ruden
Kevin Rutkowski
Andrea Sachs
Michael Sala
Doreen Santana
Nancy Sather
Denise Scharlemann
Heather Scherf
Deborah Schmedemann
Raymond Schneider
Susan Schumacher
Todd Schumacher
Carol Schwarzkopf
Thomas Scott
Philip See
Coleen Seely
Laura Selin
Kathleen Serpinas
Carol Shallbetter
Debbi Sharp
Christine Sheetz
Kristi Simpson
Phyllis Singer
Lisa Skogman
Daniel Skvarek
John Slosar
Joseph Smagacz
Carolyn Smith
Cindy Smith
Linda Soranno
Susandra Soumetho
Theresa Spain
Pat Spiczka
Emily Spinti



Mary Stachel
 Madison Staggert
 Shawn Stariha
 Catherine Stearns
 Jeff Stern
 A R Stoebert
 Brian Stofferahn
 Richard Storms
 Ronan Sveback
 Wendy Swanson
 Thomas Taragos
 Tine Tendel
 Steve Thomas
 Amy Thompson
 Amy Thompson
 Courtney Thompson
 Deborah Thorp
 Jane Timm
 Elaine Tohal
 Cynthia Triggs
 Bruce Trippet
 Carol Truesdell
 Mary Tschida
 Daniel Tyson
 Sarah Ullmer
 Daniel Urbas
 Nora Vee
 Lori Vetter
 David Vorwald
 Esther Waas
 William Wagnild
 Elizabeth Wahlstrom
 Dale Waldvogel
 David Waldvogel
 Dean Waldvogel
 Tom Waldvogel
 Marchall Walkerff
 John Wallenhorst
 Lyman Walters
 Pat Wamser
 Leonard Weber
 Shannon Weber
 Steve Wegletner
 Lisa Weisman
 Kate Wellner
 Richard Wendt
 Brian Wentzloff
 Robert Wetzler
 Patricia Whisnant
 Robert White
 Susan Wilkesf
 Karen Wille
 Cynthia Williams
 Jane Williams
 LaVern Williams
 Marie Williams

Marla Williamson
 Brian Wilson
 T. Wimler
 Josephine Winkel
 Ralph Winkelmeier
 Matthew Wolsfeld
 Lykkoung Wong
 Samuel Wright
 David Wyatt
 Beth Young
 Meredith Young
 Gregory Zajac
 Michael Zickrick
 Ricky Zinter
 Kristen Zschomler
 Mark Zubert
 Adam Zubich
 Patricia Zwicky

Foundations and Corporations

3M Foundation
 Bloomington
 United for Youth
 Otto Bremer
 Foundation
 The Patrick and Aimee
 Butler Family
 Foundation
 Carlson Family
 Foundation
 General Mills
 Foundation
 Rosemary H and
 David F Good Family
 Foundation
 HELP USA and
 Affiliates
 ING Foundation
 The McKnight
 Foundation
 Medica Foundation
 The Minneapolis
 Foundation
 Minneapolis
 Quote Club
 E.B. Osborn
 Charitable Trust
 Park Nicollet
 Foundation

Richard and Mary Ann
 Pedtke Charitable
 Foundation
 The Pentair
 Foundation
 The Jay and Rose
 Phillips Family
 Foundation
 The Carl & Eloise
 Pohlad Family
 Foundation
 Quota International
 of Minneapolis
 The Saint Paul
 Foundation
 Sauer Children's
 Renew Foundation
 Target Foundation
 The TJX Foundation
 WCA Foundation
 World Childhood
 Foundation, Inc.

Company and Organization Support

Ameriprise Financial
 Employee Giving
 Campaign
 Apollo Real Estate LLC
 Atonement Lutheran
 Church
 Augsburg College
 Belle Grove Book Club
 Berean Missionary
 Baptist Church
 Blue Cross Blue Shield
 of Minnesota
 Buffalo Exchange
 Christian Brothers
 Youth Home
 Church of the
 Risen Savior
 Clear Channel –
 Cities97
 DeLaSalle High School
 Del Monte Foods

Fairview Health
 Services
 Faith Baptist Church
 Faith Lutheran
 Church, Shakopee
 Federal Deposit
 Insurance Corporation
 Greater Twin Cities
 United Way
 GiveMN.org
 Hands On Twin Cities
 Hennepin County
 Municipal Building
 Commission
 Jamba Juice
 Letco Medical
 Metro Dentalcare
 Micro Center
 Midwest Ice Cream
 Experts
 Minnesota
 Correctional Facility-
 Lino Lakes
 Minnesota Twins
 Our Lady of the Lake
 Catholic Church
 Patterson Dental
 RBC Dain Rauscher
 Restorative Justice
 Community Action
 Richfield Lutheran
 Church
 Risen Savior Lutheran
 Church
 Silver Lake United
 Methodist Church
 Supervalu
 Target Corporation
 Teens for Charity
 Temple Israel
 Thrivent
 Tickets for Kids
 Travelers Companies Inc.
 VFW Post 494
 Waymar Industries
 Wells Fargo,
 Calhoun Isles

Government Grants and Contracts

Federal

Department of Health
 & Human Services
 Housing Urban
 Development (HUD)

State

Department
 of Human Services
 Department
 of Public Safety
 Department of Health

City of Minneapolis

Minneapolis
 Public Schools

Hennepin County

Department
 of Human Services
 & Public Health
 Department of
 Housing, Community
 Works & Transit



We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions in our list of donors and funders. Please call us at 612-252-1283 with any corrections.



**YouthLink
Leadership Staff**

Heather Huseby, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Josephine Pufpaff
Program Development,
Outcome and Evaluation
Specialist

Tiffany Harmon
Human Resource Director

Paul Ramsour
Life Transitions Education
Services Supervisor

Denise Williams
Project OffStreets/Outreach
Supervisor

Lisa Borneman, LICSW
Clinical Supervisor

Sue Pohl
Site-Based Housing Supervisor

**2009
Annual Report**

Maureen Nalezny
Writing

Lisa Haines
Design

Bob Holder
Photography



YouthLink

41 North 12th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403
phone 612.252.1200
fax 612.252.1201

www.youthlinkmn.org