

City Youth Now

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Celebrating Success:

59th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Celebration

On March 20, 2009 City Youth Now commemorated its 59th Anniversary at the Westin St. Francis at Union Square in San Francisco. The celebration recognized the launch of the City Youth Now Laptop Program, commemorated meeting the individual needs of over 7,000 requests for foster care and juvenile justice youth, and reflected on our continued successes in bridging the gap for San Francisco youth in crisis. Public Defender, Patricia Lee, District Attorney, Walter Aldridge, and Independent Living Skills Program Coordinator, Arlene Hylton were honored for their commitment, dedication, and service to the young people in the San Francisco Juvenile Court System. The three Community Achievement Award recipients recommended youth under their supervision for the City Youth Now scholarship awards. Devin O'Campo, Franklin Landoverde, and Byron Castillo Ramos were each recipients of the Jesse E. Williams III Memorial Scholarship. Mr. O'Campo is a freshman at Mississippi Valley College, Mr. Landoverde is a freshman at Skyline Community College and Mr. Ramos just obtained his high school diploma. Orlando Lewis was the recipient of the Emancipating to Real Freedom Scholarship and currently attends San Francisco City College. The entire Board of Directors, Advisory Board, and Staff of City Youth Now extend our sincerest appreciation to all of our donors and sponsors who made this evening a huge success. Without your individual and corporate support, we would not be able to address the unique needs of San Francisco's neediest children. Please be sure to join us for our 60th Anniversary on Friday, March 5, 2010 at Bimbo's 365 Club. ■



Become Involved With City Youth Now

Volunteer Opportunities

Event Committee Volunteers

Join us in the strategic planning and preparation for one of our upcoming fundraising events.

Corner Store Volunteers

Join us weekly or bi-weekly to run our little gift shop at the Youth Guidance Center.

Project KEEP Volunteers

Join us monthly to prepare the Kid Emergency Essential Packs for the Child Protection Shelter.

Clerical/Office Volunteers

Come when you can to assist in the office doing clerical tasks such as photocopying, filing, photo archiving, mailings etc.

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Brittany Heinrich at 415-753-7576 or via email brittany@cityyouthnow.org.

Corporate and Individual Sponsorship Opportunities

City Youth Now invites you, your business, company or corporation to consider underwriting one of our upcoming events. Sponsorship levels start at \$260 for The Green Room Party on December 5, 2009 and at \$600 for the 60th Anniversary Celebration on March 5, 2010. For more information contact Brittany Heinrich at 415-753-7576 or via email brittany@cityyouthnow.org.

Gifting

Give the gift of opportunities and dreams to children in the San Francisco foster care or juvenile justice systems. City Youth Now invites you and your loved ones to start a new tradition of giving. Honor your family, friends, colleagues or loved ones by giving the gift of hope, happiness, and love to one of San Francisco's neediest children. To give the gift of opportunities and dreams, please visit our website at www.cityyouthnow.org/gifting or via email info@cityyouthnow.org or phone us at 415-753-7576. ■

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SAVE THE DATE

The Green Room Party

Sponsored by City Youth Now, The Art of Yoga Project, and MAX
Saturday, December 5, 2009
San Francisco Veterans War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Avenue
Open Bar ♦ Catering by Delicious Inc. ♦ Dancing till Midnight
www.thegreenroomparty.org

60th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, March 5, 2010
Bimbo's 365 Club
www.cityyouthnow.org

Beyond Necessity: City Youth Now Programs

Ooblek to Dance Steps

On June 5th as many young people around San Francisco rocked out to Alice Cooper's *Schools Out*, it was just another day for youth detained at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). The young people detained at the JJC will be in school all summer with a one-week break in June and a two-week break in August. During these breaks, City Youth Now sponsors programming from eight o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon. For the June break, City Youth Now sponsored visits by local artist Jamie Dyi, the Zoomobile, Acrosports, science educator Rose Tully, yoginis Courtney Woodrow and Sarah Barnard, the Urban Voices Collective, and dancers from San Francisco State University.

Graduation at Juvenile Hall: EMSA GED School — John W. Knox

Since 1999, a unique collaboration between the San Francisco County Court Schools and the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department under the leadership of John W. Knox has been preparing young people in the Juvenile Justice System who have been written off as rejects, dropouts and underachievers. Under his leadership, these youth now not only graduating from high school but attending college. John Knox's message is simple, change the way people think about you. In the first year of the program, 5 young people graduation from the Early Morning Studies Academy. Now, ten years later in 2009, 48 young people graduated from the program.

Resource Binders for Youth Exiting the Systems

For most young people, turning eighteen marks the milestone to adulthood. It is a time to experience new freedoms and independence. However, for youth in the foster care and juvenile court systems it is the age they exit the system — often alone, scared, and unaware of the resources available to assist in the transition to adulthood. In honor of National Foster Care Month, City Youth Now in collaboration with the Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP) created resource binders for all youth exiting the system that were distributed during the graduation programs this summer.

Giving Detained Youth A Voice Through Memoir Writing

For seven weeks, Memoir, Woodside Learning Center, and City Youth Now collaborated to sponsor weekly writing workshops focusing on memoir writing for the young men detained on Unit 4 at the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center. The writing focused on helping the detained boys find a voice through a new style of writing, providing these young men with a method of sharing their experiences, and introducing them to creative writing. During the workshops, the young men became aware of the capacity for creative writing to provide not only an outlet for expressing themselves, but also an opportunity for personal enrichment.

The Playmaking Project

For two weeks professional actors from Berkeley Repertory Theatre in collaboration with the Woodside Learning Center and City Youth Now, led a playmaking workshop at the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center. For ten days, the youth and actors worked on character development, conflict story, and dialogue. The project was adapted from the 52nd Street Project in New York City and was generously funded by the van Loben Sels/RembeRock Foundation. On June 5th, seven of the young playwrights had their work performed by professional actors for an audience of their peers, teachers, and mentors. ■

For more information on any of these programs or to learn more about our other programs, please visit the News & Events section of our website at www.cityyouthnow.org.

Looking at 2009: Statistics from City Youth Now

Since January 1st 2009, because of your support...

City Youth Now has:

Filled individual grant requests for **886** youth;

Provided job training and mentoring to **47** youth;

Given **150** youth taken to the Child Protection Shelter with a backpack of essentials;

Sent **97** youth to summer camp;

Granted graduation support to **249** emancipating foster and juvenile justice youth;

Awarded **30** laptop computers to college-bound youth in the SF Juvenile Court System;

Developed and implemented **16** different programs to youth detained at the Juvenile Justice Center;

Purchased and wrapped **1,800** gifts for the 2009 holiday gift program;

Bestowed **4** youth with education scholarship awards at the 59th Annual Dinner Celebration!



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A Success Story

Jeffrey, age 18, is moving to Madison, WI to reunite with his family and does not own any winter or warm clothing. City Youth Now purchased a winter coat, snow shoes, socks, and luggage for Jeffrey. He will be reuniting with his twin brother and a sister who he has not seen in 5 years. He was very excited to be able to purchase new clothing for the winter and very thankful for the support from City Youth Now.

Thank You City Youth Now

Dear City Youth Now,

Please know how much we appreciate City Youth Now's generous assistance towards football camp for Trevor. He is so excited to have this opportunity and he burst through the door of the group home completely enraptured and enthusiastic about camp when he heard the news from his CASA. Thank you so much!

-Case Appointed Special Advocate for minor

Yes! I want to Support City Youth Now!

I would like to Support City Youth Now as a:

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