

## Youth Services Officially Realizes Its Dream with Ribbon Cutting



*Pictured at left, using scissors of every size, the ribbon on the new building is officially cut by (from left): Bill Doyle, Rick Klare, Bob and Becky McLennan, Nancy Bloom, Martin Kaplan, and Bill McKinley. Below, speaking on behalf of PotashCorp, CEO Bill Doyle talked about being proud of the new building: "We did it right."*



*Becky McLennan addresses the crowd as husband Bob looks on, saying that they are both "humbled" to be associated with Youth Services. (Photos by Lisa Klare)*

**W**alking into the new home of Youth Services is like walking into a whole new world -- at least that's what the children, not to mention the adults who work in and visit the new facility at 3080 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, have to say about the 22,300 square foot, ecologically responsible building Youth Services moved into in August.

Five years of planning and effort were capped off with a ribbon cutting and housewarming party on Thursday, October 8th that was attended by 350 supporters of Youth Services. Not even rain could dampen the spirit of attendees as the official ribbon cutting was moved inside to the multi-purpose room. The two-hour ceremony was marked by an address from Executive Director Nancy Bloom, who stated that, "Our new building is magnificent, and it shows every child of this community that they matter. That they're important."

Offering thanks to the community were exiting Board President Bill McKinley, and entering President Rick Klare. Also speaking were Becky and Bob McLennan, respected community leaders, and Bill Doyle, President and CEO of PotashCorp, the two leading donors to the building effort. Three young men who receive services through the organization spoke movingly about what Youth Services has meant to them. Lending their support

to the evening were the many officials from the state, Glenview, Northbrook, Northfield, Northfield Township, the park district, and the local school districts.

The evening was capped off with tours through the building, which elicited this comment by Teddie Kossof, "I've got designer goose bumps."

**"I'm speechless. It's beautiful."**

John, age 17

**"It's my dream home"**

Molly, age 10



## Board Members

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## From the Executive Director

*Dear Friends,*

When I was quite young I lived for several years in the Frances Cabrini Housing Project in Chicago. My family didn't have much money, but we always believed that living there was a temporary situation. We believed things would change for the better for our family. But the children I played with didn't have the same sense of hope. For them, living in the projects was forever. Why wouldn't it be? They were born there, and most likely their parents and even grandparents were born there or somewhere just like it. This was their norm. These children had no thoughts of leaving, no dreams of what could be and no hope for a better future.



As I grew up, I knew three things: 1) I was lucky; 2) I had a responsibility to help others by giving back in whatever way I could; 3) I had to help people believe in themselves and give them the opportunity for hope. **Without hope change can never happen.** Regardless of economic status, a person has to have hope, dreams, and the **ability to see that what is - is not what has to be.**

I was fortunate because I was able to leave Cabrini after five years to pursue my dreams. But my experience of the projects is always with me and it has helped to shape the guiding principles we follow at Youth Services: Allow young people the chance to dream; encourage hope in them and in those they love; and support the children and their families as they reach for the stars.

Happily, I am privileged to work with a board of directors who are strong advocates for the rights of children. In my 20 years at Youth Services, our board has helped me to find every possible way to help children in need while continuing to encourage their hopes and dreams. I have also been blessed with a staff that shares this vision and often comes up with ideas for new programs even though it means more work for them.

Building our new home is a shining example of how dreaming big can work. Of course, there were some who said our dream was too big and that we couldn't achieve it. But we did. We believed that the children we serve deserved more than we could give them in our trailers so we worked hard to change that and with your help we achieved our goal of a new home for Youth Services. We don't have all that we need yet, but we are close.

Thank all of you who support our work and encourage us to not only continue our efforts, but to expand our services so that no child who comes to us is turned away. I thank you for sharing our dreams, for proving us right, and for being there for the children and families of our community.

*Nancy Bloom*

**“ I am proud to be a part of what Youth Services has become, and my clients feel at home in the new building.”**

Joseph Rhodes, MA, Youth Worker



## 2009-2010 Events

### Mark Your Calendars

#### SHOPPING HAS NEVER FELT SO RIGHT!

**Saturday, November 14th**

For \$5, Carson Pirie Scott is offering a coupon book to shop at its stores. All of the money from the sale of the books goes to Youth Services. Coupon books can be purchased at Youth Services.

#### GIRLFRIEND'S BREAKFAST AND BOUTIQUE

**NOVEMBER 18TH, 8:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M.**

Come and join the Friends of Youth Services for boutique shopping, breakfast, and raffle at the Sunset Ridge Country Club in Northfield. Tickets for this popular event are \$60 and can be purchased by calling Mindy Schloss at (847) 509-8170.

#### HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

It's our 15th annual Holiday Gift Program and you can be part of helping over 1,800 children have a happy holiday season. You can assist in a variety of ways: Sponsor a child and purchase a gift for him/her. Donate money and we will shop for you. Donate wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, etc. to help us make each child's present look festive. Join in one of our wrapping parties. Contact our Special Events Coordinator at (847) 724-2620 for more information and to sign up.

• **December 7th-10th**

Gift Drop Off at Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA), 2300 Patriot Blvd., Glenview.

• **December 11th-17th**

Gift Wrapping Parties at NIPSTA

#### THIRD ANNUAL HEART OF GLENVIEW

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 2010, 5:30-8 P.M.,**

**WYNDHAM GLENVIEW SUITES**

Mark your 2010 calendar for the Glenview Giving Foundation's annual event supporting local charities including Youth Services. Last year's celebration raised over \$100,000 for eight area organizations. Event tickets are \$40 each and will allow you to enjoy exquisite tasting dishes from local restaurants, a raffle, an auction, and more. Event and raffle tickets are available now through Youth Services.

#### Belleve In the Power of the Hearts

**Monday, November 30th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Glen Town Center restaurants support Glenview Giving Foundation charities with "A Taste of Eight." Tickets are \$20 adults and \$10 for children. For tickets call Youth Services.

## Casino Gala Raises Money and Youth Services' Profile

October 3rd's Reach for the Stars Casino Night was the first public event held in the new home of Youth Services, turning its multi-purpose room into a swirl of gaming and socializing that would leave Vegas envious. The event, which was attended by 150 people, raised over \$52,000 for the organization. "We had 40 volunteers working that night," said Brett Mueller, Director of Development. "I think that's pretty impressive and speaks to the support we get from the community."



Enjoying Casino Night are Board Members Mike Cabay, Nancy Dowdle, and Rick Klare, Youth Services new board president. Also pictured are: Nancy Bloom, Executive Director, Craig Donohue, CEO of CME Group, and Bill McKinley, Past Board President of Youth Services. (Photos by Lisa Klare)



Party goers take a moment to pose for a photo: State Representative Elizabeth Coulson, Mark Ferguson, Event Auctioneer, Nancy Firfer, Board Member, and Sheridan Turner, Director of Kohl's Children's Museum.

“The best thing about the new building is seeing the faces of the kids when they enter it.”

Alison Guenther, LCPC, Program Coordinator



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## Volunteer Opportunities

**W**e always have room for caring volunteers. If you have time to share, please call us at (847) 724-2620 to find out what opportunities are available.

For More Information on Youth Services please visit our website at [www.youthservices-gn.org](http://www.youthservices-gn.org).

## Why *People Care*?

**W**hen we were looking for a name for this newsletter, we asked the people who are the motivation behind it—the kids we serve. They came up with *People Care*, and we can't think of a more fitting title.

## Have Fun, Eat Well, and Support Youth Services

**F**or only \$30 you can purchase a book of Check Awards valued at over \$500 that will support Youth Services. The book of gift checks is good at many local merchants and restaurants. From pizza with the family to a day at the spa (and almost everything in between) these checks have you covered. It's a fun and cost-effective way to support the kids.