

Kids Helping Kids

Even the youngest among us have found a way to support the work of Youth Services. We have dubbed their efforts "Kids Helping Kids" and honor these youngsters by posting their photos on our website and in our newsletters. We are humbled by the youngsters and their parents as they come into our offices bearing arms full of gifts they have collected from friends and family to share with the less fortunate in our community. Thank you, children. Thank you.



Alex and his sister Kate Krull, 8, of Northbrook, show off some of their birthday gifts that they recently donated to Youth Services. To see more Kids Helping Kids please go to our website: www.youthservices-gn.org.

Thank You, Betty Lou Your Legacy of Generosity Lives on

When Betty Lou Kinnett, 84, passed away in January of this year, we knew we had lost a dear friend, but how dear we were yet to discover. Imagine Executive Director Nancy Bloom's surprise when she was notified that Betty Lou had made one final, very special gift to Youth Services: a substantial cash bequest in her Last Will and Testament.

Betty Lou, a resident of Northbrook for over 50 years, graduated from Purdue University in 1947 with a chemistry degree and became the first female chemist at Baxter Laboratories where she was the head of the regulatory division for over 42 years. "Betty Lou was an amazing and brilliant woman," explained long-time friend Pam Buchholz. "Though she had no children of her own, she knew that providing support for kids and their families was crucial to a strong and healthy community." For over 17 years, Betty Lou always responded generously when Youth Services put out the call. "This bequest expresses just how strongly she felt about her community and its families. It allows so much good to come from such a sad loss," continued Ms. Buchholz.



In honor of Betty Lou Kinnett's many years of support and of her final bequest to the agency, Youth Services has created the Legacy of Hope Planned Giving Society. We hope that with Betty Lou as an inaugural member, many others will consider following in her footsteps and include Youth Services in their estate planning. Membership in this Planned Giving Society will ensure that Youth Services' important work on behalf of the children and families in our community will continue indefinitely. Please contact Nancy Bloom at (847) 724-2620 for more information on how to become a member of our Legacy of Hope Planned Giving Society.

Wish List:

Here are two things we could really use at Youth Services:

- Digital Video Camera
- Digital Still Camera (at least 10 megapixels)



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New Study Confirms: We've Had It Right All Along

Two recent studies by neurobehavioral scientists at Rush University Medical Center found that social rejection can be devastating to a child and lead to a whole host of problems later in life including drug usage and depression. The Rush research concludes that developing positive peer relationships is critical to a child's development. This research confirms what Youth Services has known and acted upon for over 25 years.

All of Youth Services' programming addresses the social-emotional needs of the children who participate by emphasizing social-skill building and effective peer communications.

According to Executive Director Nancy Bloom, "We got this right a long time ago. We found that almost all of the children we were seeing had suffered a loss of some kind and lacked good social skills. They were lonely."

Traditional therapy did not address these kinds of issues so in order to rectify this Youth Services did four things:

"We gave kids a peer group. We made sure they received positive reinforcement. We gave them the opportunity to do social activities with peers just like other kids do. And we gave them feedback that helped them to recognize how some of their behaviors got in the way of developing friendships," said Nancy.

According to the Rush report, nearly four million school age children in the U.S. have social-emotional learning difficulties. To read more on this research please go to: http://www.youthservices-gn.org/site_flash/documents/2010_rush_news_release.pdf

Time to Buy Tickets for Heart of Glenview February 7th

We don't want you to miss out on all the fun so here's a reminder to purchase your tickets now for the 4th Annual Heart of Glenview sponsored by the Glenview Giving Foundation. The celebration will be held Monday, February 7, 2011 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Glen 10 Theaters. The evening will feature some of the Motion Picture Academy's best movies. Of course there will be lots more to enjoy from the wonderful cuisine presented by the Heart of Glenview restaurants to live and silent auctions and raffles.

The evening benefits 9 local charities including Youth Services. Tickets cost \$40 each and are now available at Youth Services' office, 3080 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, or call 847 724-2620.

