



GIVING CHILDREN A CHILDHOOD AND FUTURE

CHILDREN'S HOME AT-A-GLANCE.....

Our Mission: "Giving children a childhood and future by protecting them, teaching them and healing them, and by building strong communities and loving families."

Our Vision: A healthy community where families and children come first.

About Us

- ◆ Children's Home is a private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multiple program, social service organization.
- ◆ Established in 1866, our organization is committed to community-based, family-focused programs.
- ◆ We serve nearly 900 children and families each month and operate from 4 locations.
- ◆ We are governed by a 15-member voluntary Board of Trustees.
- ◆ Children's Home employs approximately 400 full- and part-time staff in the professions of education, social work, psychology, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, child care counseling, therapeutic recreation and nursing, as well as a variety of support staff. Additional professional services such as medical, dental, psychological and psychiatric care are sought through community resources.
- ◆ Children's Home is certified by the Illinois State Board of Education and licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.
- ◆ Children's Home is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Our Programs: Children's Home programs fall into three general categories:

- ◆ Live-in Care and Treatment:
Residential treatment * Group Home * Foster Care
- ◆ Education & Transition Services:
Kiefer School * Transitional/Independent Living
- ◆ Community-Based Services:
Behavioral Health Services * Family Preservation & Support Services * Good Beginnings * Youth Services

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CHILDREN'S HOME FOUNDATION

The Children's Home, like most non-profit agencies, is being asked to do more in the midst of a severe economic downturn and we understand that funding in the traditional sense from government contracts is unlikely to be available to the extent needed to provide the critical services necessary to serve those who desperately need our care. To achieve our goal of developing a strong philanthropic culture to ultimately make it possible for us to increase our percentage of revenue from contributed resources, the Children's Home Foundation was formed to incorporate all aspects of philanthropy: fund-raising, community building, advocacy, change leadership and public education. Philanthropy is not only a desired resource, it is essential to the future of our work.

YOUTH CONNECT

For some time, Children's Home has had a strong focus on philanthropy and volunteerism that comes from our deep understanding of the unique role that the non-profit sector plays in serving the needs of the community's children and their families. It is also born of our recognition of the importance of fostering volunteerism at an early age. The significance of youth volunteerism is highlighted in a recent report by Independent Sector and Youth Service America. The report, based on data collected in 1996, found that people who began volunteering as youths are twice as likely to volunteer as adults as are those who did not volunteer when they were younger. The report also found that adults who volunteered as youths tend to give more money to charity than those who did not.

YOUTH CONNECT ~
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For the past few years, we have been involving the kids with whom we work at Children's Home in various volunteer activities in the community, but we want to give young people throughout our community the same opportunity to experience that joy. To that end, we have given this group of activities a name – Youth Connect. Through Youth Connect, we will mobilize a new generation by serving as the clearinghouse for youth volunteer activities. We hope to begin youth on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement.

We will do this in three ways:

- by organizing and taking responsibility for matching young people with volunteer activities;
- by providing technical assistance and helpful links to those whose projects enlist youth volunteers; and
- by offering opportunities for youth to share their talents and experiences with others in the community.

Youth Connect isn't really new. We've been serving in this role for quite some time, acting as the local lead agency for National Youth Service Day and Make A Difference Day. Now, we're combining those activities with other opportunities and dedicating resources to this very important goal: making it possible for youth to experience the sense of gratification and empowerment that comes with volunteerism.

Through Youth Connect, we're giving youth the opportunity to impact life in their neighborhoods and become active members of the community. As they reach outside themselves to do good things, they learn that there is magic in giving back. And the community learns that the future is in good hands.

Ultimately, the Children's Home youth in philanthropy efforts are youth development opportunities that allow us to reach out and tap into the strengths of youth that typically would not be seen as leaders-youth who can be our leaders when given the opportunity.