

Our Mission

We believe ourselves to be, first and foremost, a **community of caring, skilled persons who are drawn together by a shared sense of ministry to children and their families.**

It is the purpose of this community to create environments, provide services, and be totally available to children and their families whose legitimate needs demand effective responses.

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Giving That Matters

By John Moses

A line from the Beatle's song "Baby You're a Rich Man" reads "How does it feel to be one of the beautiful people/now that you know who you are..." Recall now the seventy some year old couple Violet and Allen Large, winners of an 11 million dollar lottery from Nova Scotia, Canada —what did they do? Gave 90% of it away to every charity and public service imaginable. How inspiring! Most probably would want to deal with "me first" and possibly second and third for that matter. We come to learn in their own words they were already incredibly wealthy "we're very happy the way we are...we have each other". These beautiful people have it figured out. More money doesn't enhance their loving each other; giving does. For over 30 years and nearly

18,000 children, giving has touched the lives of many. A board that gives of their time and talent. A community that gives it support. A staff of dedicated people who go beyond the job following their heart not only to satisfy the legitimate needs of children but also for many needs of the community.



Equally important is the giving of our children – at the House of the Carpenter, for Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center,

for churches and organizations in Wheeling, Moundsville and New Martinsville. Giving does matter and what matters most is how our own lives change through those loving acts.

The other day I ran into one of our former kids who lived at Samaritan House years ago. He thanked us for "hanging in there" with him during a time of his life when he was hurt, confused, afraid. "I knew I took out a lot of anger on you guys but you never gave up on me".

I left that encounter a very rich man. No coins jangled in my pockets, no large bills in my wallet; instead a message for my staff, our community supporters, our donors that a young man's gratitude is still gold.

Violet and Allen were asked if they spent any of their winnings on themselves yet. Their answer was "No, we're too busy giving".

Celebrate Youth 2010 sponsors: Thanks !

Celebrate Youth 2010 and the Good Samaritan Award Dinner were very special events. Our sponsors were:

Wesbanco; 1800Gambler; Coventry-CareLink; The Cornerstone Group; Christian Fellowship

Foundation; Wheeling Park Commission, Marshal County Commission; Circus Saints & Sinners; John & Leona Pennybacker; WRTF-TV7; Lamar Advertising, Shirts'n'More.

Over 3000 parents and youth found 45 interactive displays on education, health, and activities for young and old. The activities by groups working with kids and families are part of what made this day memorable. None of this would have been possible

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Celebrate Youth
2010 – Climbing Wall

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Special thanks to retiring Board Members Bob Johnson and Jerry Wilhelm for their service, combined, they have served for 50 years.

Welcome to Wayne Smith our newest Board member and to our FY2011 Board President, Pastor Darrell Cummings

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From the President--Rev. Robert Johnson

This year has been marked with celebrations and with sadness. Ron Mulholland, YSS's founding director, left us far too soon in December. The Board had just recognized him as our Good Samaritan in August. That celebration of his work was heart-felt and uplifting, reflecting Ron's

own sense of humility and humor.

In the spirit of Ron Mulholland, YSS celebrated our first year in the Hazel Atlas Building by opening it up as a Winter Freeze Shelter for the homeless. The project was blessed with many volunteers from the community, our own staff and oth-

ers like Tom Burgoyne, a former YSS Board member and Ohio County Sheriff helping the homeless.

YSS is a wonderful organization serving our youth, their families, and our community.

Our funders

Youth Services System receives funding from: the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau of Children and Families; Bureau of Health and Health Facilities; from the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety,

Division of Juvenile Services. Also, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Family and Youth Services Bureau and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; the Northern Panhandle Workforce Investment Board; Volunteer

West Virginia; BB& T West Virginia Foundation, Christian Fellowship Foundation, Enterprise Foundation, Lion's Charitable Foundation, Sands Charitable Trust. and many individual donors.



Tiger face
paint at
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Youth

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Miss West Virginia, 2010, Cali Young with Alysson Hannigan, recognized as an Outstanding Youth at the festival.

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Final set-up at Wheeling Park:
 lower left-face and hair painting
 tables; top left- Inflatable
 games; top right-ceramics
 hands-on tables



Kathleen Hogan Schenk (1923-2009)
 2010 Good Samaritan honoree

Project Safe Place: Giving a positive sign for youth

Safe Place is an outreach, education, and runaway prevention program that provides immediate help to youth in crisis. Safe Place is a national program with sites in 39 states. YSS operates the only Safe Place program in WV.

35 individuals donated 224 hours of volunteer time for the Safe Place program. *(14 West Liberty University Students gave 51hrs and reached 357 youth).* Over 1,000 youth received information about the Safe Place program through presentations at their school or through community events.



Front: l-r James Dorsey, Kilee Roupe, Dakota Muha
 Back: l-r LaTia Galloway, Brittany McCullough, Heidi Sullivan, Barbara Rice, Jessica Kernan, Sarah Jackson, Sarah Allen
 (Not pictured: Hannah Rollyson, Shannon Fisher-Yancey, Carly Dye)

Youth can request help from any business displaying the black and yellow Safe Place sign. These are our local Safe Place Sites :Samaritan House, Helinski Shelter, Dugger’s Market, Wheeling Fire Department (7 Stations), Ohio County Public Library; OVRTA (Office & buses), Tim Hortons, & Laughlin Chapel. Safe Place services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Good Samaritan Dinner

The Board of Youth Services System honored the late Kathleen H. Schenk as the 2010 Good Samaritan.

Mrs. Schenk was remembered as a wonderful mother as well as a woman with wide interests in the community. In her giving, youth received scholarships, and significant community projects received support. All of this was done with a quiet touch. Her family continues this tradition.

Bill Hogan, Mrs. Schenk’s brother, spoke about her life with great feeling. In her memory, Youth Services System made a \$500 donation to Girls Scouts. Mrs Schenk had

been very involved as a leader and had fond memories of her own experiences at the Girl Scout camp.

Girl Scouts volunteers were highly visible at the dinner, as was Irish music provided by local favorite, Gallowglass.

Bill Hogan at the Good Samaritan dinner



Community Action from Youth In Action! Participants

Youth In Action !, a youth training and employment program funded by the Northern Panhandle Workforce Investment Board (NPWIB) working in conjunction with Youth Services System, participated in a two day program entitled **Filtering Our Neighborhoods– A Community Outreach Program.**

On June 8, 2010 in Wheeling and New Martinsville and on June 16 in Sistersville, Youth In Action participants from Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, and Tyler Counties heard about the dangers of smoking to youth, the sustained damage from tobacco use, and current statistics. Each site cleaned local areas of cigarette butts and ensured they were placed in appropriate receptacles. Youth In Action plans to make this an annual event.

YOUTH IN ACTION! is a program serving over 100 youth in a six county radius, focusing on ten elements of service. Through our staff, we serve youth ages 14-21 in areas of: tutoring, alternative education, summer employment, paid and unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, leadership development, supportive services, guidance and counseling, follow up services, and adult mentoring.



Presentation on dangers of tobacco use



Working in Wheeling



New Martinsville youth



Wheeling Youth in Action! participants



Sistersville service project underway

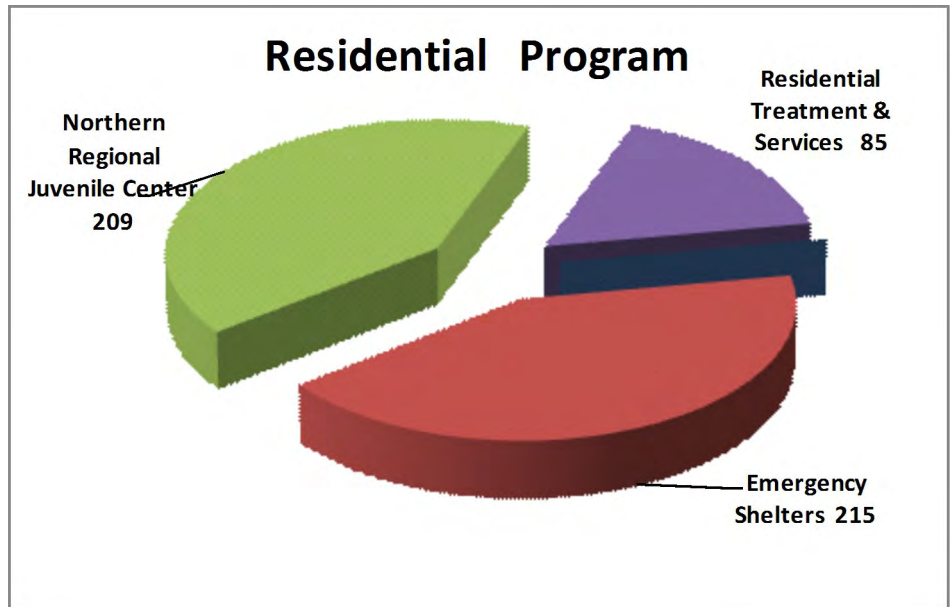
Adults and youth: a brief photo essay

We asked Megan Pickens, a young photographer, to show us youth and adults working today. Here are some of her images.

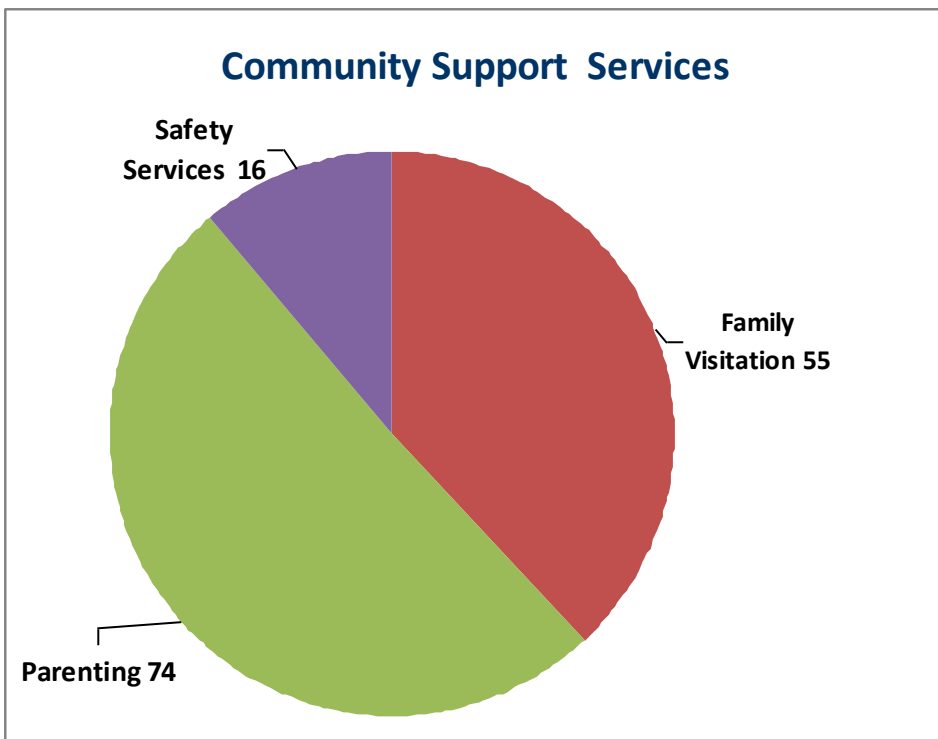


Youth Services System serves 2249 children & families

Youth Services System offers emergency shelter to youth, skills training for independent living, and a residential program for youth with intellectual disabilities and emotional health problems. Samaritan House and the Youth Achievement Center are in Wheeling, Helinski Shelter is in Moundsville, and the Tuel Transitional Training Center is in New Martinsville. The Northern Regional Juvenile Center at Lincoln Center serves Northern Panhandle youth.



Child care, training and

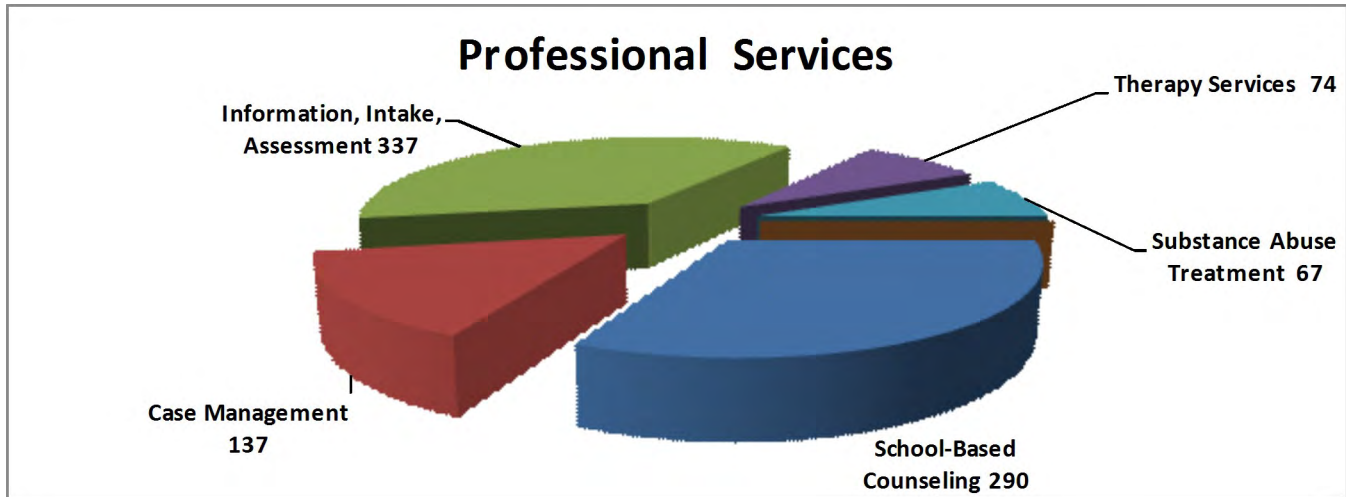


The Wheeling Community Child Care offers quality early childhood services at their center and programs at Elm Grove and Steenrod Elementary Schools.

YSS has training and employment options for youth to enable them to move confidently forward with their lives.

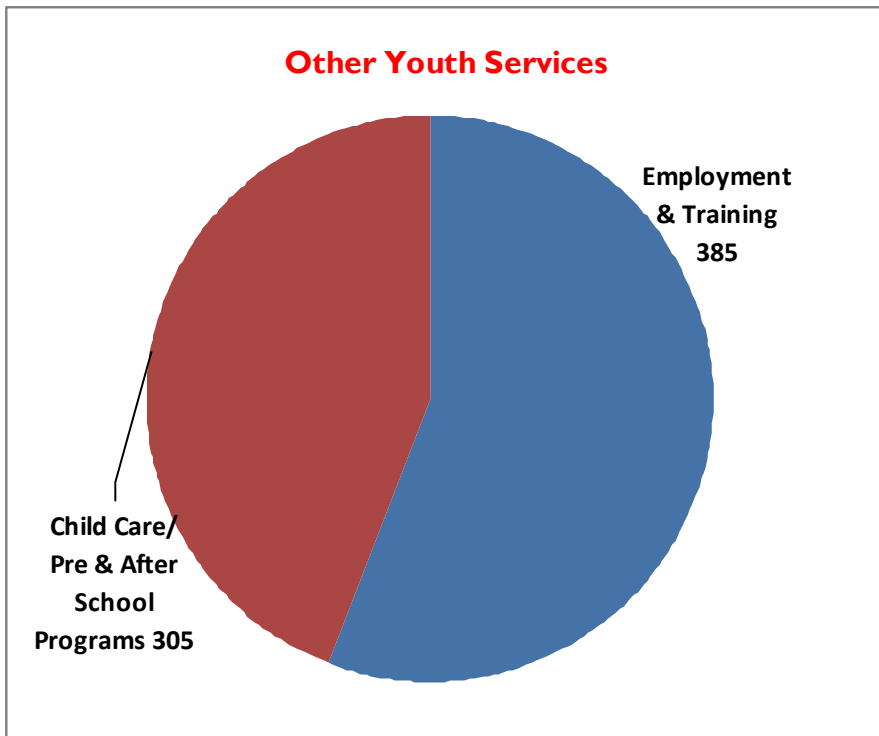
Families and children are supported through our Community-Based Services to build stronger relationships and learn additional skills.

Person to Person—the professional touch



Our goal is always to work together with youth and their families for the best possible outcome. Youth Services System reaches out to children and their families through our professional services. We work at Wheeling Park High School, John Marshall High School, and Central Elementary School in Moundville. We also offer substance abuse treatment for adolescents, assessment, planning, and care coordination for youth and families.

support for families



“Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough.”
 Mary McLeod Bethune

Northern Regional Juvenile Center—Connected to the Community

The Northern Regional Juvenile Center has been blessed this past year by volunteers working with youth at the Center. These volunteers offered cultural, educational, and spiritual experiences to our residents.

Wheeling Jesuit University students from Spain spent five weeks sharing their culture. Scorpion Jack, an Irish musical-cultural group spent four hours with our residents during a busy visit to West Virginia.

For the second year, the Cincinnati-based, River Hills Christian Church spent a week offering Vacation Bible School to

interested youth. The Fellowship Prison Ministries comes weekly for spiritual services. Reverend Vernon Rose provides regular church services.

The Sexual Assault Help Center, Harmony House, Wheeling Jesuit University students, and YSS JOBS program participants all work with the boys and girls at the NRJC leading educational groups.

Four adults who had been at the NRJC returned to visit. They offered what they had learned from their experience at the Northern Regional Juvenile Center and how their lives

had changed for the better. The Bannum House Federal Release Program sends speakers to us every two weeks. Bannum House volunteers have participated in making the changes in our facility possible. This year marks our 24th year serving youth, families, and communities in the Northern Panhandle. We are grateful for the opportunities to connect youth to new experiences and to build new skills for the future.



Tour of NRJC on October 20, see the Youth Services System website for more information

Sticker Shock & Drug Give Backs—Prevention in Action

Underage Drinking Prevention

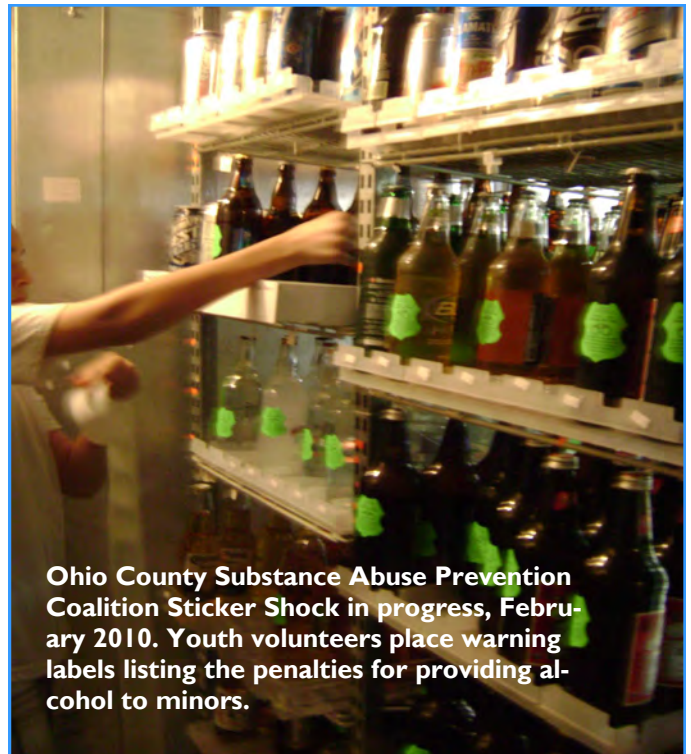
The Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (OCSAPC) works with area youth groups to organize initiatives such as Project Sticker Shock. This campaign aims to educate merchants and raise community awareness about underage drinking laws. Many clerks do not understand that they are held responsible for their actions if they choose to sell to minors. On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Coalition coordinated a city-wide “**Sticker Shock**” event with youth groups and SADD Chapters from Wheeling Park High School (WPHS), Central Catholic High School (CCHS), the Linsly School and youth from Youth Services System, Inc. These teams of youth worked with local law enforcement Prevention Resource Officers (PROs) and five retail stores including CVS, Exxon and Convenient. Local media at-

and during this awareness-raising event.

Teens gain access to alcohol either through “social access” (friends or family) or through “retail access” (using fake ID cards or by not being “carded” properly). During Project Sticker Shock, youth place brightly colored warning stickers on alcohol products in off-premise alcohol retail outlets (e.g. convenience stores and gas stations). Local merchants benefit by allowing the public to see that they do make socially responsible business decisions and they do support proper sales procedures to minors.

Rx Take-Back Events

Many Ohio County residents are not aware that medicines sitting at home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse are increasing at alarming rates, as are the



Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Sticker Shock in progress, February 2010. Youth volunteers place warning labels listing the penalties for providing alcohol to minors.

number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that most abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. In addition, most community members do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often



Crystal Eagle speaking at NRJC Open House on October 20 as Peter Radackovich looks on. For more information about this event, go to our website: www.youthservicessystem.org



Disposing of unneeded medication in September, more prescription drug take back days are scheduled.

flushing them or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

Recently, the Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (OCSAPC) worked with the Wheeling Police Department to host the area's first "Rx Take-Back Day" on August 7th, 2010. The event was a great success, with over 164 bottles of controlled substances (e.g. OxyContin) collected for safe disposal. In an anonymous survey, 79% of event participants reported that they do NOT typically lock or count their household medications. This finding illustrates an easily accessible supply of household medications with the potential for abuse, dependency and addiction.

On September 25th, the Coalition once teamed up again with the Wheeling Police Department and also the Ohio County Sheriff's Office and the WV State Police to coordinate a second Rx Take-Back event at two sites in Ohio County: the WV State Police

Detachment in Wheeling and the Volunteer Fire Department in Triadelphia. This free and anonymous event was part of a national "Take-Back" initiative initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in order to prevent increased pill abuse and theft.

The Coalition is also participating in a statewide "Take Care WV" campaign (www.takecarewv.org), which aims to raise community awareness through billboards, public service announcements (PSAs), special pharmacy bags and other media sources that sharing prescription drugs is dangerous, deadly and illegal. The Coalition plans to collaborate with the Wheeling Police Department for a third prescription drug take-back event this year. On Saturday, November 13th from 10 AM – 2 PM, WPD Officers will be collecting unwanted medications at the City-County Building (1500 Chapline Street in

Wheeling) as part of the "American Medicine Chest Challenge", another national take-back event organized by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (www.americanmedicinecabinet.com). Eventually, the coalition hopes to establish permanent drop-off sites where residents can safely dispose of unwanted prescription medications on an ongoing basis. By working to raise awareness of prescription drug abuse, educating the community about safe medication storage and disposal practices and offering practical opportunities for safe disposal, the Coalition is working to ensure a healthy, drug-free future for youth and families in our community.

To learn more or get involved with the Coalition's efforts, please visit: <http://ocsapc.blogspot.com> or email the Coalition at ocsapc@gmail.com. The Coalition Office is located on the 4th floor of the YSS Hazel-Atlas Building at 87 Fifteenth Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. YSS serves as the fiscal administrative agent to the Coalition.

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On the cover, cowboy with balloon,
Hunter Hall at Celebrate Youth 2010

Leave a Legacy at Youth Services System

Did you know that you can leave a gift to YSS, Inc. in your will? Called a charitable bequest, this type of gift offers these main benefits:

Simplicity. Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. The official legal bequest language for Youth Services System, Inc. is: "I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Youth Services System, Inc. [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Flexibility. Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at anytime.

Versatility. You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money or leave a percentage of your estate to us.

Tax Relief. Your estate is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

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