

**50 Years of Excellence**



July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

**YOUTH SERVICES  
SYSTEM, INC.**

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Celebrating the past 50  
years of serving youth,  
families, and  
communities.

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**FY 2024  
Annual  
Report**



**Jill Eddy, CEO**

## Message from the CEO

The growth of Youth Services System, Inc. over the last 50 years still astounds me and yes, occasionally overwhelms me. I have spent most of my professional career working at YSS and I must say, I am proud of all that we have achieved. It is hard to measure the scale of our impact over the past 50 years, but I know undoubtedly, we have made a difference in the lives of those we have served. To think that we started with an emergency shelter and now operate more than 23 services/programs reflects the faith that people have had in us.

No story surprises us. In fact, the stories fuel us to learn, to understand, to plan, and develop the most responsive services and programs. We have focused on fine-tuning ways to measure our success, and facility improvements to ensure safety and a welcoming environment. Numerous program enhancements in outpatient services, Expanded School Mental Health, mentoring, youth workforce programs, our shelters, transitional living, and our sober living programs are reflected in feedback from those we serve and our stakeholders.

The availability of service options is critical in an ever-changing system. This has allowed us to more comprehensively meet complex needs, evolve quickly, and adapt to changes. Establishing ourselves as a reliable, viable agency that adheres to regulations and programmatic expectations has been noted in our recent three-year CARF accreditation and numerous stellar licensing reviews.

As I have traveled to facilities to see the improvements, meet with staff, and talk to youth, I hear "What do I have to do so that I can work at a place like YSS someday;" I'll take it; there is no better compliment than to instill hope for a future.

Below: Board of Directors

L-R Top Row: Rod Lee (Secretary), Justin Pastorius (Treasurer), Chris Bucon, Penn Kurtz, Michael Kuhn, Dave Yaeger (Chair)  
Bottom Row: Melanee Sinclair, Jennifer Rohrig, Amanda Welsch, Emily Freeman-Waters (Vice Chair)

Not in Photo: Kimberly L. Griffith, Denise Steele, Ron Blatt





# ABOUT US

50 years ago, a group of caring and concerned individuals, passionate about responding to the needs of abused, neglected, runaway, and delinquent youth founded Ohio County Youth Services System. These individuals came from all walks of life but were single-minded about one thing – youth represent our future and deserve our most creative and faithful efforts to ensure their needs are met with effective responses.



Youth Services System, Inc. is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. Since 1974, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached thousands of youth with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address the debilitating effects of abuse, addiction, and trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful.

## MISSION

To create a better future for children, families and our community.

## VISION

Youth Services System, Inc. remains a recognized leader in helping our community provide the best care for children and families.

## VALUES

- Every child has worth, value and potential.
- The care of our children is our first priority.
- Children need us to commit and take risks on their behalf.
- We strive to operate a quality-driven organization in management, services, and stewardship.
- We believe in organizational transparency and honesty.
- Creativity and innovation guide our effort.
- We are committed to our employees and value their contribution to our success.
- The commitment and wisdom of the governing Board is necessary to fulfill the mission and vision of the organization.
- Community support and partnerships are necessary to our success.
- The diversity of our youth and families, employees, Board members, and supporters contributes to our success.
- We listen to the stories of the children, families, and the community we serve.
- We avoid the complacency that would limit our success.





### THEN: 1983

Above is a photo from the ribbon-cutting ceremony that was held for the reopening of Samaritan House at its location on Eoff Street after relocating from 13th Street in 1983.

## Protecting the future of youth & families

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, YSS held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with staff, Board Members, and the community at the Hazel Atlas Building.

### NOW: 2024

Below is the 50th Anniversary ribbon-cutting ceremony with ribbon-cutters Ron Klug and Sue Abraham, who signed our Articles of Incorporation, joined by YSS CEO Jill Eddy and Chairman of the Board, Rod Lee.

Ron Klug and Sue Abraham were asked to cut the ribbon because of their lifelong work in the community for youth. At the time of inception, Sue worked with the YWCA, and Ron worked as a Case Worker for the Youth Services Unit of the DHHS. Ron has been an active part of the agency since day one. Klug was a strong advocate for youth and helped Ron Mulholland create the agency. Klug spent 45 years on the Board of Directors and is now an active Emeritus Board Member.





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# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Creating better futures for children, families, and our community since 1974.

In 1974, Ron Mulholland and a group of like-minded individuals saw a need for youth and families in the community and formed what is now known as Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS). Six individuals signed the Articles of Incorporation: Ron Klug, Sue Abraham, and the late Rev. Gary Beale, Charles Gordon, Donald Carney, and Bruce Palatano. Ron Mulholland was a Marist Brother in the early seventies and was introduced to Ron Klug, who was working in the Youth Services Unit for the Department of Health and Human Services. After the two connected, the idea of Youth Services System, Inc. was born and soon after brought to life.

The agency was a first of its kind in West Virginia. After its inception on May 2, 1974, the agency opened the first emergency youth shelter in the state for boys in 1975, followed by the state's first emergency shelter for girls, the first Transitional Living Program, and the first privately operated juvenile facility. Since 2017, three recovery homes have become a part of YSS services.

Now, operating over 23 residential and community-based services/programs within 9 facilities, YSS has built a foundation in the community and continues to live the mission: "To create a better future for children, families, and our community."



Pictured L-R Development Department of YSS:  
Tammy Kruse, Jenn Velez, Elizabeth Griffith,  
Holly Fox



Ron Klug and his family attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration dinner together.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

For over 50 years, Youth Services System, Inc. has been addressing the needs of youth and adults. We started due to the need for emergency shelters for boys and in 1974, we opened the first emergency shelter for boys, the Samaritan House, in West Virginia. Over the years, we have expanded or improved our services through the following:

- Achieved 3-Year accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in early 2024, which "is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services in the following areas: Aging Services, Behavioral Health, Child and Youth Services, Vision Rehabilitation Services, Medical Rehabilitation, and Opioid Treatment Programs" (<https://carf.org/>)
- Celebrated 50 years of service in April 2024
- Welcomed three new Board Members: Chris Bucon, Michael Kuhn, and Melanee Sinclair
- Hosted the 17th annual Celebrate Youth Festival at Wheeling Park in August 2023
- Tuel Residential Living Program is now licensed through the Department of Human Services which opened doors for us to accept youth at the age of 17 in our Residential Transitional Living program
- Became a provider for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (CSED) Waiver program. The additional services provided are for youth ages 3 to 21 with serious mental, emotional, or behavioral health needs
- Expanded School Mental Health launched a new summer program called Hey U.G.L.Y. (Uniquely Gifted Lovable You). This initiative was carried out through seven schools in Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, and Hancock Counties
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited Youth Workforce Program Year-Long Work Experience opportunities and enhancement of a virtual reality training platform
- Launched Credible Solutions, an electronic medical record program funded by Aetna Better Health of West Virginia
- Helinski Shelter was the recipient of the Kentucky Fried Wishes Grant in August
- Capital Projects: Ronald C. Mulholland brick façade support, updated recreation yard and outdoor seating, Samaritan House Roof, Helinski Shelter received a new fence plus, Tuel Residential Living Program received new siding, fascia, gutters, and garage doors

## CARF ACCREDITATION



Youth Services System, Inc. has been awarded a three-year CARF Accreditation.

Tracy Hamilton, Quality Assurance Specialist, shared, "Over three days, January 29, 2024, through January 31, 2024, the CARF International team reviewed over 1700+ items throughout the agency for conformance to CARF standards during their re-evaluation of YSS, Inc. Per the Accreditation Report, YSS, Inc. "demonstrated substantial conformance to the standards." Our services were noted to be needed and appreciated, and YSS, Inc. was depended upon as a valued partner with its stakeholders. Leading up to the review, our staff worked diligently to ensure the highest quality of services were being provided throughout the agency and continue to do so. The leadership team and staff were "complimented and congratulated" for earning the achievement of a Three-Year Accreditation, which is the highest level achievable."



FY 2024

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## 10,641 Youth & Families Served in FY 2024



### Financial Report

REVENUES:	FY 2024
Government Grants	\$4,663,105
WV Div. of Juvenile Services	\$4,140,845
Room & Board	\$1,896,433
Medicaid	\$1,221,940
Other Government Funding <sup>^</sup>	\$385,199
Donations (Monetary)	\$532,370
Donations (In-kind)	\$224,464
Gain/Loss on Investments	\$264,408
Other Revenues	\$250,318
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,579,082</b>

<sup>^</sup>childcare fees, DOE, socially necessary services

**NET SURPLUS:** \$18,719

EXPENSES:	FY 2024
Salaries & Benefits	\$9,029,399
Utilities	\$393,866
Supplies	\$1,539,481
Other Expenses*	\$2,635,055
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,597,801</b>

\*professional, maintenance, development, licenses, leases, contracts, etc.

Youth Services System, Inc. is licensed by the Department of Human Services and accredited by CARF International. YSS receives funding from the Department of Human Services, WV Department of Military Affairs & Public Safety, WV Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Labor, Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board, private foundations and individuals. YSS is a United Way agency.



Linsly School students collected winter coats and other items for YSS to give away in the Free Store.

## 181 volunteers and 3,681 hours

Scan QR Code to donate today!



# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

YSS offers outpatient and community-based services to youth and families. We can help with individual and family relationship issues, behavior problems, parental concerns, abuse/neglect issues, school and/or employment problems, emotional health issues, problem-solving, and decision-making. Our services promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families.

134  
enrolled in  
program

**Youth Opportunities  
Unlimited (Y.O.U)  
Employment Program**



Scan the QR Code  
for more  
information!

36  
families  
served

**Parenting/ Life Skills/  
Supervised Visitation**

37  
families

**Safe-At-Home Services**

92  
individuals

**Regional Youth Services  
Center**

97  
students  
enrolled

**Before and After-School Care**

2,922  
students  
reached

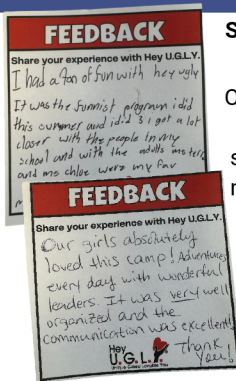
**Expanded School Mental Health**

199  
students  
participated

**Hey UGLY\* Summer Program  
\*(Uniquely, Gifted, Lovable You)**

28  
matches

**Youth Mentoring Network**



## Students and families shared feedback about the Hey U.G.L.Y. program.

One student wrote: "I had a ton of fun with hey ugly. It was the funniest program I did this summer... I got a lot closer with the people in my school and with the adults. Ms. Terra and Ms. Chloe were my fav."

One parent wrote: "Our girls absolutely loved this camp! Adventures every day with wonderful leaders. It was very well organized and the communication was excellent!"



## Youth Mentoring Network

The Youth Mentoring Network provides children ages 8-17 a strong, enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationship that enhances their lives. To learn more, visit the website today: <https://youthmentoring.youthservicessystem.org>



## Y.O.U. Employment Program Helps Youth & Families

A young man was registered into the Y.O.U. Employment Program last June. While living with his girlfriend and infant daughter, he interviewed for a job at a local hardware store and was hired on part-time. He would walk or ride his bike 1.5 miles to and from work for every shift he was scheduled. Taking initiative, he then reached out to us here at YSS and requested some time be set aside for him to practice his driving skills. For 3 months, he and a YSS staff member would make time between his work schedule and fatherly duties to practice driving. He took the test and passed, earning his official driver's license. Though he had his driver's license, he still did not have a car for about 4 months; he continued to walk or ride his bike to and from work. Through his diligence, good work ethic, and prioritization of what is important to him and his family, he was able to save enough money to purchase his first car in March of this year (2024)! He is still employed at Tractor Supply and can now drive himself to and from work. He has expressed his gratefulness to the Y.O.U. Employment Program and the YSS staff that helped him step by step to become a licensed driver!





Pictured L-R: YSS Staff Ashley Flaherty, Sierra Simeth, Amber Patterson, Renee Lucas

# SERVING THE COMMUNITY

## Intervention for Youth/Adults

295 individuals participated in suicide prevention and intervention services or presentations.

Our Street Outreach Coordinators gave resources and information to 240 individuals.

Serving the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, our outpatient services include comprehensive assessments, psychological evaluations, individual/family/and group therapy, supportive counseling, case management, Substance Use Disorder treatment, Safe-At-Home program, behavior management, and severe emotional disturbance waiver-facilitation.

**62**  
Mental Health Assessments conducted

**104**  
Psychological Evaluations conducted

**62**  
Individuals received therapy services

## Outpatient Services

**206**  
Referral calls for outpatient services received

**13**  
Individuals assisted with the First Episode Psychosis and Quiet Minds programs



## Safe-At-Home Success Stories

A young girl exhibited truancy issues that led to her removal from her mother's care and into placement with her grandparents. Her school attendance improved with appropriate supervision. Safe-At-Home was able to refer her for individual therapy services. Safe-At-Home was able to encourage her to wake in the mornings to prevent tardiness and present her with rewards for her positive behavior. Her truancy and tardiness issues seemed to decline drastically at the time of closure.

One boy exhibited truancy issues at the time of referral. Safe-At-Home was able to refer him for a psychological evaluation to determine any further needs. He receives medication for his ADHD, and he seems to function well in school. He has maintained school attendance this current school year.





## About the Program

Our homes serve men and women ages 18 and older who are working to get their lives back on track after treatment. The length of stay is 6 months, during which time a resident can build on strengths learned in treatment, get back to school, and look for employment while living in a safe home among others in recovery.

## Our Purpose

We believe in a client-centric approach, tailoring our services to meet the unique needs and objectives of each organization. Our seasoned consultants work closely with clients to understand their challenges, develop strategic roadmaps, and execute effective solutions.

## Successful Outcomes

In the past year, 17 people graduated from our program all moving into their independent living situations, working full-time jobs, and many are still actively involved in the recovery community helping and supporting others on their recovery journeys. Our alumni are involved in the Recovery Homes by taking residents to meetings, serving as references for jobs, supervising volunteer efforts, and some are engaged in service terms with AmeriCorps. One of our alumni is serving on the board of directors of a local non-profit while serving as an AmeriCorps. Another is a supervisor at a gas & oil company. One has procured a job with the City of Wheeling and works with people every day to reduce the stigma around people who have been incarcerated and people in recovery from Substance Use Disorders. Two of our alumni are getting married and have invited staff to attend and officiate the ceremony. Our alumni have graduated from drug treatment courts at the federal and state levels, and have been invited to speak at graduation ceremonies. As we continue to serve people from around the state of West Virginia, we look forward to welcoming people into their newfound lives in recovery and watching them grow and develop into the people they are capable of becoming.

## Recovery Homes

Below are the numbers of residents we served in each recovery home.

**Lazarus House**

**11**

**Mary and Martha House**

**19**

**Mark's House**

**28**





# PREVENTION IN OUR COMMUNITY

Youth Services System, Inc. is designated as the Region 1 Prevention Lead Organization for the WV DHHS Bureau for Behavioral Health and the Office of Drug Control Policy, providing prevention, early intervention, and harm reduction services in Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel counties, in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia.

The Prevention Services Department, known to the community as Prevention North, supports community-based coalitions in the delivery of comprehensive evidence-based prevention strategies.

We are trained to provide strategies aimed at decreasing substance use among high-risk WV youth, reducing prescription drug misuse, as well as reducing the negative outcomes associated with Substance Use Disorder by providing intensive community preventative measures.

YSS offers several different prevention services for youth and adults such as:

- Information Dissemination & Facilitation of Training
- Evidence-Based Prevention Curriculum Implementation
- Facilitation of Youth Leadership Opportunities and Positive Alternative Activities
- Coordination of Synar Tobacco Compliance Inspections
- Fund Vape Detection Sensors
- Referral to Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services
- Substance Exposed Pregnancy Prevention
- Promotion of Rx Drop Box Locations
- Participation in National Rx Take Back Days
- Dissemination of Drug Deactivation System Kits
- Overdose Predictive Model Response Coordination
- Coordination of Post-Overdose Response Teams
- Planning & Implementation of the Overdose Alert Public Health Communication System
- Naloxone Administration Training and Dissemination of Naloxone Kits
- Outreach, Education & Promotion of Harm Reduction & Treatment Services, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

Scan the QR Code for more information about Prevention Services through YSS and in the Northern Panhandle.



YSS prevention staff and others pack a “Save a Life Swag Bag” filled with Narcan kits, fentanyl test strips, resource guides, brochures on how to administer Narcan

Youth Participating in Evidence-Based Prevention Education Curriculum

1059

Youth & Adults Participating in Prevention Education Training

2884

Youth & Adults Participating in Alternative Activities

1520

Naloxone Kits Disseminated

1216

Region 1 Prevention Coalitions:

Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock & Wetzel counties

**Adult Membership: 277**

**Youth Membership: 76**



# RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Youth Services System, Inc. operates two emergency shelters for boys and girls and two youth residential facilities.

## Samaritan House

Samaritan House was originally opened in 1975 on 13th Street in Wheeling. The shelter was West Virginia's first emergency shelter for boys ages 8-17.

Samaritan House was the first initiative that Ron Mulholland and YSS supporters assumed when the agency first started. Many individuals in the community sent letters to the Wheeling City Council and Mayor, asking for public funding.

The needs for therapeutic care and safety are assessed to determine the best plan for the child and the best environment to make progress.

## Helinski Shelter

Helinski Shelter was established in 1983 at Grand Vue Park in Moundsville. This was West Virginia's first emergency shelter for girls ages 8-17. With the help of the West Liberty University Women's Soccer team, Helinski Shelter moved to its current location on Wheeling Island in 2017. The shelter provides room and board, supervision, and emergency shelter services to children in need. Helinski and the Samaritan House provides services to runaway and homeless youth, and is a designated Safe Place.

In FY 2024, YSS helped a total of

Helinski Shelter -- 53 youth  
Samaritan House -- 39 youth  
Tuel Center -- 24 youth  
McCrary Center -- 30  
Transitional Living Community -- 56

# 202

youth in our emergency shelters and TLP.



Former client Elena Wiselka and her team at the 2023 Wheeling SleepOut



Every year, YSS holds the Wheeling SleepOut to benefit youth in the TLP. This is the agency's largest fundraising event for the program.

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## Transitional Living

YSS works with youth from the ages of 17-21 to build life skills, education, and work experience for a solid foundation towards becoming independent adults in the community. Our Transitional Living Program (TLP) began working with youth aging out of foster care in 1981. Our services offer support, training, and housing in a three-step process at our Tuel Residential Living Program in New Martinsville, the McCrary Training Center in Wheeling, and in the community. YSS also secures apartments in the community once individuals are ready to take the third step of the TLP.



Margo Scott, Residential Manager at Helinski Shelter, always makes sure the girls feel special each holiday. For Easter, she made Bunny Baskets filled with goodies.

Samaritan House boys grew plants to represent they can "grow" from their trauma and be the person they want to be.





# Client Success



Pictured above L-R:  
Patricia Robinson KFC  
RGM, Ron Williams KFC  
Director of Operations, Jill  
Eddy Interim CEO YSS,  
Brittany Wilson KFC Shift  
Manager, Margot Scott YSS  
Residential Manager,  
Tammy Kruse YSS Director  
of Development, Jerry  
Coffield KFC Area Coach

## Brittany's Story

There are success stories that remind us that what we do is important. One of these stories is about Brittany Wilson. She was a young girl who needed our guidance and support. Margo, Residential Manager of Helinski Shelter, was there to help lead Brittany down the right path. Years later, Brittany is the Assistant Manager at KFC. Brittany had the opportunity to help connect YSS with the Kentucky Fried Wishes Foundation, which allowed YSS to share Brittany's story and connection to YSS. Her story led them to donate \$10,000 to YSS. Brittany was there the day the check was presented.

## Angelica's Story

Angelica spent eight months in the Transitional Living Program. During this time, staff encouraged her to stay in school and supported her through graduation. She attended West Liberty University (WLU) and majored in 2D Studio Art with a minor in Education and Creative Art Therapy. Angelica keeps in touch with the staff and is doing very well on her own. She recently shared, "I'd like you to know that I am doing so very well in New Castle! All thanks to YSS helping me finish college! I Preached my first sermon yesterday! And I'm Working a big girl salary Job at a school in New Brighton for special needs kids (I'm with the preschoolers) as their behavior technician." Angelica has also been accepted into the Christian Ministry Master's program at WLU.



# RONALD C. MULHOLLAND JUVENILE CENTER

In FY 2024, the  
RCMJC served 237  
youth.

Before the Juvenile Center opened, West Virginia would place troubled youth in adult jail cells. Ron Mulholland and concerned community members saw the desperate need for a place for boys to turn to receive appropriate care. At the time, boys who were in jail were being punished for petty crimes, or sometimes “bad behavior” such as skipping classes; schools did not have the resources to confront these children, so they were placed in jail. On March 28, 1977, Rev. Gary Beale wrote a letter to the Wheeling City Council. “Jail is no place for children,” he wrote. Beale continued, “The present lock-up facilities in the City/County building for juveniles are a travesty. Children are confined in unbearable conditions without adequate space, ventilation, light, or plumbing. A bucket is no substitution for a bathroom.” Gary served as a Board of Directors Member for several years and served on the Emeritus Board until his passing in 2022. In 1986, the state’s first juvenile facility emerged. In 2014, the facility was renamed the Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center (RCMJC) in memory of founder Ron Mulholland. After completing their rehabilitation commitments, residents continue to lead successful lives; some complete their sentencing and move back into our Transitional Living Program for continued support.

## SUCCESS STORIES

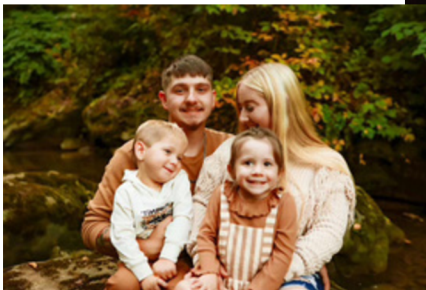
Linda Scott, Superintendent at RCMJC, shared a success story of a couple she spent time with years ago. The couple pictured on the right and below met while at our Juvenile Center. Years later, they married and adopted a little girl. During the adoption process, she became pregnant with her little boy. Now, they are thriving and enjoying their happy family. She works as a Drug Coach, helping others through their struggles and to find their way to recovery.



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donate today!



Pictured Above: The young couple on Adoption Day with their children



Randall Jenkins, a former client and resident at RCMJC, shared his story and experience growing up in our care. In his video, he emotionally shared, “For the eighteen months I was [at RCMJC], my whole demeanor in life changed.” Randall shared how 28 years after incarceration, he loves his life, family, and friends. He continued, “The detention center was the beginning of my life that started over again.”

Scan the QR Code to watch the  
video from our 50th  
Anniversary Celebration



Start video at 11:09 for Randall's  
portion of the video





# Celebrate Youth

## WHEELING PARK | 8.3.2023

Our highly-anticipated 16th Annual Celebrate Youth Festival was a major success! With over 60 health, education, and wellness exhibitors in attendance, the event brought the community together, offered a day of summer fun and endless resources and information for families.

Every year, children line up to get their faces painted by one of our talented volunteers. The children leave with big smiles on their faces and some cool wearable art.

**SAVE THE DATE: August 7, 2025**



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Pictured L-R: Dr. Darrell Cummings and Marc Abraham



The 2023 Good Samaritan Tribute honored Dr. Darrell Cummings and Marc Abraham.

Marc Abraham has over 35 years responding to the needs of youth at YSS as a past board member for two terms which included the positions of treasurer, vice president, past president, and currently as an emeritus member. In addition to the 35 years caring for local youth, Marc was an associate professor of accounting with Belmont College, past owner of Abraham & Company PPLC, and has been practicing certified public accountant since 1982.

Dr. Cummings is the pastor of the well-known Bethlehem Apostolic Temple and Shiloh Apostolic Faith Assembly with over 43 years of pastoral work and leadership, served on numerous councils and committees, received awards and appointments plus dedicated two terms on the YSS board including holding the position of past president, and currently serves on the emeritus board.

# Good Samaritan Tribute



# 2023 Wheeling Sleepout



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## About the Event

YSS employees and community members join together to build a structure to raise awareness of youth aging out of care. The event is held in November each year because it is National Runaway and Youth Homelessness Awareness Month. Structures are judged based on three things: design, education, and creativity.

## Our Purpose

The event raises funds for the agency's Transitional Living Program, which helps youth in the community from becoming homeless by teaching life skills, securing housing, employment opportunities, education, and more. The program supports youth ages 17-24, through two locations, one in Wheeling and one in New Martinsville.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2023**  
MARKET PLAZA IN WHEELING

OVER  
**\$27,000**  
RAISED

8 STRUCTURES  
27  
FUNDRAISERS







**Thank you to our community for your support!**



# THANK YOU

to every person who had a part in selecting YSS as a recipient of their funding.

Because of continued support from people and organizations like you, we can continue our mission: "To create a better future for children, families and our community."

Pictured: The Women's Giving Circle ceremony where each recipient, including YSS, was presented a checks to help fund community programs.



## Foundations & Trusts

Belmont Veterans Charity Fund, Inc.  
Bernard McDonough Foundation  
CFOV Angel Fund  
CFOV-Community IMPACT Fund  
CFOV-MGC Fund  
Driehorst Family Foundation  
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Hawley Memorial Fund  
Helen J. Prince Foundation  
Hess Family Foundation  
Hess Family Fund  
Jeremy C. McCamic Family Foundation  
John C. Williams Charitable Trust

Kentucky Fried Chicken Foundation, Inc.  
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United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley  
Walter Goga Fund  
WesBanco Trust and Investment Services  
Women's Giving Circle



Thanks to Foundations such as the Helen J. Prince Foundation, John C. Williams Charitable Trust, and the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley, for funding the Youth Mentoring Network activities each month. In April 2023, the mentors and mentees went rock climbing at The Highlands Sports Complex.

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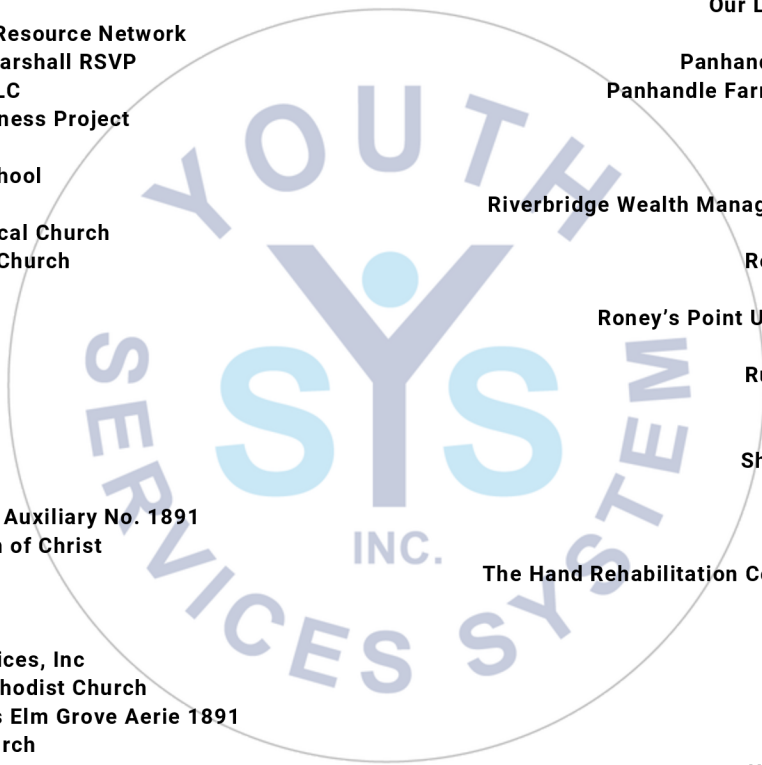




**THANK YOU** to each business and organization for donating and choosing to support our mission!

## Businesses & Organizations

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AlignHR  
Almost Heaven Candle Company  
Alpha Xi Delta at West Liberty University  
American Sanitary Supply Company  
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Bullfrogs & Butterflies LLC  
Caleb Smail Human Kindness Project  
Casa Di Vino  
Central Catholic High School  
Char House  
Christ Lutheran Evangelical Church  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Collective Impact LLC  
Cornerstone Group  
DDPPM Inc  
DiCarlo's Pizza  
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Emmanuel United Church of Christ  
ERB Electric Company  
Fairway River Links  
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From the beginning in 1974, Brother Ron Mulholland set up the Samaritan house for success. Months before our 50th-year celebration, we stumbled across a binder, *A Study of the Organizational Development of the Samaritan House, June 1975- 1979* by James Edward Schmidt - Sociology December 1979. What seems to be a college project in 1979, has turned into an incredible time capsule for those who are working with our youth and families today. The following time line gives a glimpse of how we continue to provide a safe place for youth, reconnecting families and building relationships throughout our community.

**HISTORY OF CARING Youth-focused, community-based group 1974:** Ohio County Youth Services System is founded.

**1975:** Samaritan House begins. First emergency shelter for boys in WV

**1981:** Transitional Living Program opens. First WV licensed independent living program for youth exiting foster care

2000: Tuel Crisis Center begins in New Martinsville. Emergency shelter

2000: McCrary Center opens on Wheeling Island. Community-based services center

2014: YSS becomes Regional Youth Services Center provider. Referral, assessment diagnostic, outpatient counseling and transitional living/support services for ages 12-25 in WV

**1983:** Helinski Shelter begins at Grand Vue Park, Moundsville. First emergency shelter for girls in WV

2017: Helinski Shelter moves to Wheeling Island

**1986:** Northern Regional Juvenile Center opens. WV's first privately operated secure juvenile facility

2003: Hope's Promise opens. Intensive outpatient program for youth with substance use disorders

2014: Northern Regional Juvenile Center is renamed the Ronald C. Mulholland Juvenile Center.

**1990:** Elm Grove Elementary School Before- and After-care begins

2013: After-Care programs begin at McNinch Primary and Central Elementary, Moundsville.

**2005:** Project Safe Place begins. First and only WV Safe Place affiliate; outreach for runaway and homeless youth

**2005:** Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (OCSAPC) begins. Youth Services System works with other community partners for prevention efforts, supported by WV's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG).

2009: OCSAPC wins Federal Drug-Free Communities Grant.

2015: OCSAPC Faith Team holds the first Day of Hope. Statewide event every September. Bringing together faith communities in support of people is all stages: active, treatment, and recovery

2016: Prevent Suicide WV collaboration begins (through Regional Youth Services Center).

2016: OCSAPC changes name to Community Impact Coalition.

2019: Inaugural Discover Recovery An annual treatment and recovery fair open to the public.

2019: Prevention Services begins. The department started with OCSAPC/Community Impact Coalition and includes US and WV grants

that support programs such as Partnerships for Success, Northern Panhandle Prevention Consortium, State Opioid

2022: Recovery Resource & Help Center opens in New Martinsville, WV. A collaborative initiative between YSS and Take Action Wetzel

County. New YSS Post Overdose Response Team base

**2008:** Youth Employment and Training Program begins through the Northern Panhandle Workforce Investment Board

**2014:** Expanded School-Based Mental Health services begin at Triadelphia, Moundsville, Follansbee, and Wellsburg & Oak Glen Middle Schools.

2015: Added Long Drain Middle.

2018: Expanded School-Based Mental Health expands to Brooke Intermediate South, Steenrod, Central and Long Drain Elementary Schools.

**2014:** Paden City satellite office opens.

**2016:** Youth Mentoring Network begins. Continuing the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters after it disbanded locally

**2017:** Sophie Moses Free Store opens. Serves anyone in need of clothing, shoes, household goods

**2017:** YSS pilots Quiet Minds program. With WVDHHR to assist youth and families following a first episode of psychosis. It is implemented across the state

**2017:** Lazarus and Mary and Martha House Recovery Homes are opened.

2020: Mark's House, the second Recovery Home for men, opened.

**2019:** Family Coordinator program and Adult/Youth Peer Recovery programs begin

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