

YES HOME UPDATE

Did you know:

- The YES Home is located in the County Poor Farm, a building that has been a refuge for the most vulnerable populations in Dearborn County since 1882.

40 Years Ago...1981

Youth Encouragement Services, Inc. (the YES Home) opened its doors in November of 1981. The YES Home was started as a refuge for youth who had been abandoned, abused and neglected. While the staff and the program have changed, the mission has not. We continue to provide a safe and loving environment for youth to know they matter and they have a voice.

From the Director:.

Today I am thankful. I am thankful the sun is shining and I was able to come to a job that I love. I am thankful I get to see in the flesh each and every day acts of kindness and resiliency in youth who have every reason to quit. This time of year, I think about all of the staff, youth, and community members who show up again and again to support me, the YES Home, and hurting youth. I opened my happy file today, a file full of letters and cards from youth and community members who have written to me over the years. I laughed as I read a letter from “favorite boy”—that’s how he signed his letter—telling me he was mad at me. Or the young man who wrote me a letter while I was on vacation one year that said, “I want to thank you for all the chances you have given me while I have been at YES....oh, and I punched a hole in the wall.” Those two boys are both adults and doing well now. The young lady who is still struggling but promises she won’t quit trying. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, but I am so grateful that I get to watch stories of healing, redemption and restoration happen right in front of me.

From a former resident...”The YES Home has been an amazing support to me. The amount of care, time and effort they have put into my success is simply unmatched. YES has completely changed my life for the better. “



The YES Home received a grant for \$41,798 from the Dearborn Community Foundation and the City of Lawrenceburg Community Grant Program Phase 2 for the YES Home Aftercare Program.

The Aftercare Program will provide services to youth who discharge from our program for at least six more months after leaving, helping them make a successful transition to their home and community.



We had an incredible turn out at our 2021 annual golf outing. We were one team short of reaching the maximum capacity Thank you to all of our sponsors and golfers! We hope to max out on golf teams in 2022. If you would like to become a sponsor or register a team, please check out our website at www.yeshome.org/events. This is the only fundraiser we have, so community support is vital. Money raised from the golf outing assists with extra expenses, such as senior pictures, prom, school clothes, extracurricular activities, etc. You can also email amy@yeshome.org with questions or call 812-926-0110.



Our dear friends at Jeff Wyler have brought treats and meals for us throughout the year. A cookout and s'mores were a real treat for our youth!

Thanks to a grant from United Way of Greater Cincinnati, the YES Home hosted a training on self care and resiliency with the amazing Skye Berger. The youth had their own self care training the night before, including dancing their feelings out and playing lots of games.



Dear friend Pam Rigacci makes sure our youth have pizza night the third Saturday of every month. In doing so, she has introduced us to some amazing people, and even helped us raise over \$3500 for school clothing! Thank you to Mayor Mollaun and the City of Lawrenceburg for helping Pam and the YES Home reach that goal!

There are too many people to thank individually, but we are so grateful for our community friends who have supported the YES Home. We highlighted a few. Whether it was dropping off a meal, donating gift certificates for the movies or meals, our friends at Tanner Valley United Methodist dropping off activity kits to keep our youth busy....we are blessed. This Thanksgiving we are thankful for each and everyone of you who make our job easier by supporting us and the youth who live here. Happy Thanksgiving!