

More Opportunities and Resources for Youth Asset Building

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The opportunities to build assets (positive experiences, behaviors and attitudes) with our youth continue to grow. Below you will see items of interest to youth and/or people who care about youth.

Also, visit us at www.youthcount.com to see other news, the 40 Assets, local calendar, photos and more! If you know of other individuals who would be interested in this information, please feel free to forward this email. If you received this email as a forwarded message and would like to be included in future communication, please email me at barbara@youthcount.com.

Harvest Homecoming Kids Tent: Saturday, October 9, Noon – 3:30 – Lots of varied activities for children, including Carnegie Center's Family Fun where kids will paint miniature pumpkins to take home. The Harvest Homecoming Kid's Tent is located over the floodwall at the end of Pearl Street in downtown New Albany.

Mentor Mii: Next training for the New Albany Floyd County Schools' *in-school* mentoring program is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 8:30 – 2:00 at the NAFCS Education Support Center at 2801 Grant Line Road (the former location of Northside Christian Church); the training is free and includes breakfast and lunch. There are opportunities for an hour or so weekly pairing with students from 3 elementary schools, Hazelwood and Scribner Middle Schools and/or New Albany High School. For more information or to register, contact Jerome Costner at jcostner@nafcs.k12.in.us or at 542-2112.

Congratulations Kathy Goodknight – Throughout the years of partnership with New Albany Floyd County Schools I have been continually awed by the caring, resourceful, creative and wise counselors we are fortunate to have in our schools. One of them has just achieved state-wide recognition: Kathy Goodknight, counselor at Scribner Middle School, has been named 2009 Indiana School Counselor Association's Exemplary Middle School Counselor. An asset builder through and through, Kathy's special focus has been on anti-bullying. Congratulations!

FREE monthly book for all Floyd County children ages birth to 5: Thanks to CAPE (Community Alliances to Promote Education), Horseshoe Foundation, Community Foundation and NAFC School Corporation) Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is available in Floyd County. Once registered, children ages birth to 5 will receive a book a month through the mail. To register or for info phone 812-542-4001.

Chase's Children's Series free matinee performances at the Ogle Center: The performances occur throughout the school year and include Moosebutter, Mama Yaa, Dr. Kaboom, and others. Reservations are required, and are not final until you receive a confirmation. For a reservation form phone (812) 941-2526, e-mail oglemail@ius.edu or visit www.oglecenter.ius.edu/PDF/CSRegistrationForm.pdf

Borderline Personality Disorder and Anxiety Disorder in Adolescence Workshop: presented by Blue River Services, with Guest Speaker: Joe Higgins, LCSW, LifeSpring, on October 23, from 9-10:30 A.M. at Youth Success Center, 216 E. Chestnut St., Corydon, IN. To register, mail name, organization, address, tel #, email address and \$5.00 (checks payable to BRS, Inc) to: Blue River Services, Inc., PO Box 547, Corydon, IN 47112. For additional information, contact Tara Gootee-Allen 812-738-2408

Once again: upcoming CONFERENCES

Kids Count in Indiana Conference: New this year: thought leader sessions with national experts providing the latest in-depth information on topics such as mentoring, fundraising, summer learning and personal motivation. An additional 70 workshops on topics such as fundraising, working with kids, and

leadership will be featured at the December 1-2 conference in Indianapolis. Early bird registration \$125 (save \$25) deadline: November 2. Numerous opportunities for continuing education credits are also available, including Indiana Department of Education, National Association of Social Workers, Indiana Association of Prevention Professionals, Indiana Parks and Recreation Association, National Council on Family Relations. More info and to register visit <http://www.iyi.org/conferences/kids-count.aspx>

Search Institute Conference: Learn the latest about how to utilize the **40 Developmental Assets** in your school, youth organization, ministry and community. Search Institute's annual national conference will be held in Cincinnati on November 5-7, 2009. Register: <http://www.search-institute.org/>

I can't close without including this sad news: **Passing of an awesome asset builder:** After a valiant battle with cancer, throughout which she continued her outreach mission, Jan Whittenberg passed away earlier this week. Jan was an advocate for youth and the community. As she did with so many of us, she was continually introducing me to "someone I should meet". In her role as Community Outreach Director at Graceland Baptist Church she met and touched the lives of many. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Meanwhile, our youth need us; one of the most important things in their lives is the presence of caring adults: notice them, say hello, listen to them. Harvest Homecoming begins today; there will be LOTS of young people; if you're there also, it's a good place to practice a little bit of asset building. What will YOU do to build assets today?

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