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# Friday Night Facts

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## If I were Mayor, I would... ?

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns wants to hear your ideas!

Our statewide essay contest for sixth-graders - "If I were Mayor, I would..." - lets you tell others what you would do as the leader of your community to make your city or town the best place to live. Two winning essays will be selected for each of the four Mayors Roundtable Regions (Northern, Northern Central, South Central, and Southern regions). In addition, one essay will be selected from among all entries as the Grand Prize Winner. Each regional winner will receive a \$250 savings bond; the Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond.

The nine winning students along with the parents/guardian and a teacher will receive local recognition. Dates and locations will be determined at a later time. The school of the Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100 to be applied as the school's principal designates. The essay contest is open to all Indiana students currently enrolled in the sixth grade or being home educated at the sixth-grade level for the 2010-2011 school year.

### Essay Prompt

Imagine: You are thinking about running for mayor. You are wondering what it would take to run your community and provide the public services your citizens expect. You begin to think: What kinds of decisions would I make? How would I plan for my city or town's future? If I were mayor, what would I do?

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### Contest Rules

- Each essay must include a completed Official Entry Form (photocopies accepted), including signature of a teacher/adult verifying that the writing is the work of the student. **Essays with incomplete entry forms will be disqualified.**
- Essay must address the subject and must begin with "If I were Mayor, I would"
- Essays may not exceed 250 words.
- Only one essay may be submitted per student.
- Essays will be judged on creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, and proper use of grammar.

**Essays must be received by IACT no later than April 15, 2011.** Winners will be notified in May 2011.

For more information go to: [http://www.citiesandtowns.org/egov/docs/1300455526\\_561004.pdf](http://www.citiesandtowns.org/egov/docs/1300455526_561004.pdf)

## News You Can Use

Has your organization used corporate volunteers or non-traditional volunteers to help fulfill your mission? Have you ever partnered with a business or with other nonprofits in your community to get things done? The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is collecting your stories and highlighting outstanding nonprofit and corporate volunteer programs throughout Indiana. Contact Kristin Owens at [KOwens1@ofbci.IN.gov](mailto:KOwens1@ofbci.IN.gov).



# FEMA

### People with Disabilities and Emergency Management

During this Disability Awareness Month, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would like to remind everyone, including people with disabilities, to plan ahead in order to stay safe during disasters. First, put together an emergency kit with food, water, clothing, a flashlight, batteries, medications, important phone numbers, cash and any other items that you might need during an emergency. Then, make a plan. Think about the types of emergencies that happen most often in your area.

The state of Indiana is prone to flooding, severe storms, tornados, winter storms, extreme temperatures and even earthquakes. How would you respond to each of these hazards? Think about the items and services that you use every day and have a backup plan for accessing those items in an emergency. If you use an agency provider for personal care assistance services or other in-home services, ask about the agency's emergency plan and how they will provide services to you in a disaster. Talk to trusted friends and family members that could assist you if needed and decide how you will contact them. Think about or write down any information that you would want to tell first responders about how to best assist you. Once you have your emergency kit ready and have created your emergency plan, help friends and family members with theirs.

If you want to be even more involved, join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in your area. Now is the time to plan ahead to remain safe, informed and independent during emergencies. For more information, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

# News You Can Use

## Hoosier Women Veterans Conference 2011

Saturday, April 16th, 2011

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Event 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AMVETS Post 99

2840 Lafayette Road

Indianapolis, IN 46222

No Cost to Participate

Lunch is Provided

Please Register by April 6th, 2011 at <http://www.in.gov/dva/2440.htm>.

Questions, please contact Summer Tacy at 317-234-5658

*Save-the-Date*

# 2011 AmeriCorps Week

**Serve. Learn. Engage. Celebrate.** *Celebration*

Join us for our Indianapolis AmeriCorps Celebration Event!

Date/Time: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: YMCA - Fishers Branch 9012 East 126th Street Fishers, IN 46038

\*Additional event details coming soon!

# Career Closet

An Outreach Ministry of Huntertown United Methodist Church



The Career Closet provides gently used/new clothing for both men and women. We provide the attire necessary to project a positive image for an employment interview, the weekly workplace, or for those special occasions.

We provide the clothes and our clients present the self-confidence and pride that comes when they are appropriately dressed for an interview and for going out in today's business world.

We will assist each client in selecting attire for two interviews and five complete outfits for a week in the workplace taking into consideration their style and the dress requirements of the position. All clothing is free of charge and donated by people who care ... from their closet to yours!

## Contact Information: By Appointment Only

Huntertown United Methodist Church  
Contact: Marcia Holmes, Coordinator  
16021 Lima Road  
Huntertown, IN 46748



If you would like to make an appointment to visit the 'Career Closet' ... **EMAIL US!**

If you would like to refer someone to the 'Career Closet' who needs our assistance ... **EMAIL US!**

If you know someone graduating from college and needs clothing assistance ... **EMAIL US!**

If you would like to donate gently used and current business clothes, shoes or accessories ... **EMAIL US!**

*No minimum income requirements  
Agency referrals welcome.*

**Referrals by Schools and Caseworkers:**  
*Please email requests and provide the email and/or contact information of the person desiring the appointment. A Career Closet volunteer will directly communicate with the requester to set a convenient appointment.*

Phone: 260-637-3798  
Fax: 260-637-0036

EMAIL: [careerclaset@huntertownumc.org](mailto:careerclaset@huntertownumc.org)

5th Annual



Celebrating People Raising  
Children in NWI

PAMI promotes the wellbeing of children through effective and responsible parenting education.

**HELP A PARENT. SAVE A CHILD.**

### The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy **Youth Leadership Team**

**We're Recruiting!**

The YLT works to reflect teens' views in The National Campaign's work and to give voice to their unique perspectives by getting them actively involved – both nationally and locally – in teen pregnancy prevention efforts. During their 18-month term, YLT members participate in a variety of activities that both promote teen pregnancy prevention and expand their own abilities.



We are looking for **bright, committed, and enthusiastic** teens from across the nation!



You Can Download the YLT Application Here:

<http://www.stayteen.org/article/were-recruiting>

Or

<http://www.thenationalcampaign.org/about-us/yli-faq.aspx>

#### **YLT Members:**

- serve as youth advisors to The National Campaign;
- receive assistance planning projects in their own communities to raise awareness of the issue;
- participate in training sessions so they are more comfortable working with the press and speaking publicly about our issues;
- visit Capitol Hill and meet with their Senators and Representatives to talk about teen pregnancy prevention; and
- participate in National Campaign activities, such as the popular National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.



**Not 2 Kids Like Us!  
Free 2 Be You  
(N2KLU-F2BU)**  
Teen Dating Violence Advocacy  
A Division of Not to Believers Like Us, Inc.  
*No House Exempt!*



**Third Annual Teen Dating Violence Conference**  
**Free To Be Me - Who Am I?**

*Featuring "Bullying, Self Esteem & Self Respect"*  
*Original Interactive Play written by Sethia Mitchell*  
**Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011**  
**Time: 8:30 -9:00a Registration**  
**9-3p Conference**  
**Location: Christian Theological Seminary**  
**1000 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Indianapolis, IN 46260**  
**Free and open to the public**  
*Pre-registration is required (to provide adequate lunch)*  
*Lunch is provided- Free Lunch Included for the Teens.*  
*\$5.00 Lunch donation for attendees over 21/ Parents WELCOME!*

Please register on line @ [www.n2blunhe.org](http://www.n2blunhe.org) or print your name and information & mail or fax 317-923-5370  
ALL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL & SEEN ONLY BY N2BLU STAFF

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Teens  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Adults  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Opportunities

TITLE SPONSOR	\$2,000	_____
GOLD SPONSOR	\$1,500	_____
SIGNATURE SPONSOR	\$1,500	_____
EVENT SPONSOR	\$300-\$500	_____

All donations are tax deductible and used solely for the expressed purpose (s) stated & are accepted at anytime throughout the year

For additional information, Sponsorship benefits or registration please go to our website  
[www.n2blunhe.org](http://www.n2blunhe.org) or Email: [n2blunhe@gmail.com](mailto:n2blunhe@gmail.com)  
DEADLINE: March 27, 2011





FUNDRAISING NEWS

**We are having a garden party!  
Please join us**

1st Garden Party

**DINNER**  
**AMERICAN & ETHIOPIAN DISH**

**At 37-Place**  
**2605 E. 25th St., Indianapolis 46218**

**Saturday**

**April 16**

**Program**

**5:30 PM**

Refreshment and Silent Auction



**Dinner**

**7:00 PM**



**Ticket**

**Ticket prices start at \$50 and sponsorship opportunities are available. See information below**

**317-545-2245**

**Keynote address**

By Mr. Willis K. Bright Jr. Director of youth programs at Lilly Endowment.

In addition to Mr. Bright's address, the dinner will feature remarks by Jealeania D. Morris Director of Urban & Multi-Cultural Relations Local Outreach East 91st Street Christian Church, and Aster Bekele, Executive Director & Founder

**Music**

By selected community vocalist and Ethiopian traditional music and dance performed by our own second generation Ethiopian youth.

**Urban Eden In the Heart of Indianapolis**

**W**e are grateful God has used each one of you to touch our lives and shape our great success in the last six years. You might not be aware of the impact you made on us. You are found in the thousands of pictures we have, the signed volunteer list, the e-mail you left us, encouraging comments you sent us when you saw us on the news, the words you spread to others, stopped by when driving through, and simply prayed for our strength, patience and endurance. We feel that each impact "we made in a child's life" through gardening is composed of each one of you and we are grateful for the foundation you built for us. In 2010, we served 300 youth, which is amazing growth since we started with 12 in 2005. Five of those original youth completed a financial literacy class and

built an on-site farm stand while working with our younger youth this past year.

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Your financial support by purchasing individual tickets, or through sponsorship, will help fund administrative costs and capacity building efforts. All fundraising experts are donating their time, so all contributions will go directly to our program to improve our educational outreach and our community's access to healthy produce.





Maximize Your Resources • Gain A Competitive Edge • Increase Referrals & Revenue

# Race for Resources

Speed Dating for Intervention & Prevention Providers

## Registration is Limited!

When: April 12, 2011; 9 a.m. - noon  
(Registration 8:30-9 a.m.)  
Where: Jewish Community Center,  
Indianapolis  
Cost to Attend: Free\*  
To register, visit: [www.mccoyouth.org](http://www.mccoyouth.org)  
and click on "Race for Resources  
Attendee Registration"

*\*Registration is limited to 100 individuals. Maximum of two representatives per organization.*

## Over 100 individuals

representing 50+ organizations that serve families will come together on April 12, 2011 to learn more about the early intervention and prevention services that are available in Marion County.

## Speed-Dating Increases Your Chance of a Connection

Through an interactive "speed-dating" process, attendees will learn about 20 organizations that offer programs and services which address issues such as mental health, domestic violence, self-esteem, empowerment, teen pregnancy and homelessness. Spending just a short amount of time at each exhibit table, attendees will learn key information that will allow them to better coordinate services and pursue partnerships.

## Who's Exhibiting?

20 Marion County organizations that provide early intervention and/or prevention services to help keep youth and families from becoming involved with the child welfare, family court, probation, or juvenile justice system. Visit our website to learn about the exhibitors.



Sponsored in part by:



## Just what do we mean by "speed dating"

Speed dating is a formalized match-making process whose purpose is to encourage people to meet a large number of new people. We're using this concept to ensure that exhibiting organizations meet EVERY attendee.

1. A group of five attendees will start at a table.
2. The bell rings and exhibitors give a four minute presentation about their service and programs.
3. Attendees have one minute to ask questions, jot down notes, and exchange business cards.
4. The bell rings and attendees rotate to the next table.
5. The process repeats until each group has been to each exhibit table (approximately two hours).
6. After the final "speed dating" round, attendees and exhibitors will participate in a networking activity and will then have approximately 15 minutes to return to the exhibitors' tables to obtain more information, ask additional questions, and continue networking.



### SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast, and sponsorship exhibit displays
- 9 a.m. Opening remarks and speed dating begins
- 10 a.m. 15 minute break
- 10:15am Speed dating resumes
- 11:15am Speed dating ends, open networking, and sponsor exhibit displays
- 11:45am Closing remarks and door prize drawing
- Noon Conclusion of Race for Resources

## Questions?

Contact Emily Chew: 317-921-1266  
or [emily.chew@mccoyouth.org](mailto:emily.chew@mccoyouth.org)



Expand Your Network • Collaborate For Success • Build Your Business

# 2011 Youth Activity Directory

## Distribution Event

**WHO:** Youth-serving organizations, youth development professionals, caring adults, parents, educators and youth

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

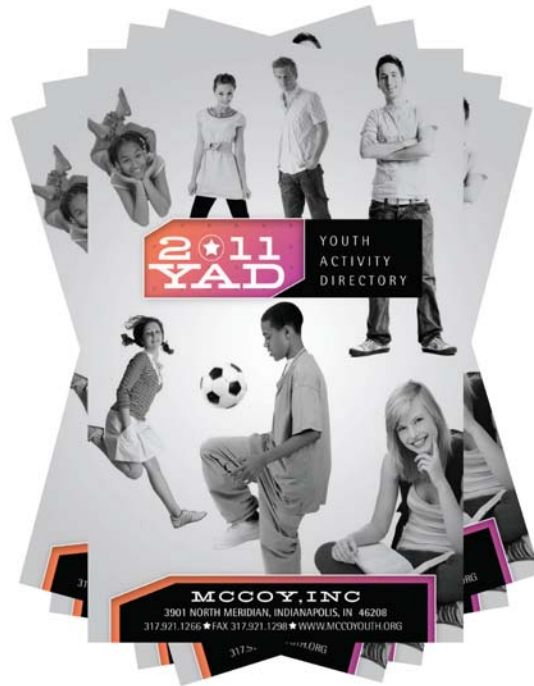
**WHERE:** United Way parking garage lower level (3901 N. Meridian St.)

**COST:** FREE - Donations will be accepted

\*Organizations requesting 10 or more copies must fill-out a request form online at: <http://www.mccooyouth.org/MCCOY/UserFiles/File101-004.EASY-YAD%20Reques%20Form.0809.pdf>

For more information, contact Juli VanWyk at (317) 921-1266 or [juli.vanwyk@mccooyouth.org](mailto:juli.vanwyk@mccooyouth.org)

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Huntington National Bank, Ivy Tech Community College, The National Bank of Indianapolis, YMCA, AYS and Dyslexia - Camp Delafield!



### Find a Program:

- ★ Summer Programs & Camps
- ★ Out of School Time
- ★ Mentoring Programs
- ★ Life Skills
- ★ Leadership & Volunteering
- ★ Family Support & Services
- ★ Family Fun

#### WHAT IS THE YAD?

The YAD is a comprehensive resource directory, which highlights youth development opportunities for young people to develop and grow.

#### USING THE YAD

Check out what's happening around the city for young people. Find out about youth programs and organizations that work with youth. Look up volunteer and career planning opportunities, summer camps, museums, indoor and outdoor programs, and much more.

#### FIND THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR YOU

Picking high-quality youth programs can be a challenge for parents and youth. The YAD features programs that are safe, have a welcoming atmosphere, fosters positive interaction among youth and staff, and invites youth to make decisions and engage actively with program activities.

MCCOY produces the YAD every year to help families, youth, and caring adults find the best programs, the programs that help children and teens develop the skills, knowledge, and attributes they need to be productive.



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Join us for this year's Semler Lecture on Leadership featuring Butler University basketball coach Brad Stevens and 2010 NCAA Final Four Player Avery Jukes! They will speak about the importance of leadership, both on and off the court, at the Indianapolis Central Library Auditorium on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited, so please RSVP at [www.tobiascenter.iu.edu](http://www.tobiascenter.iu.edu).

The Semler Lecture on Leadership honors the work and spirit of Jerry Semler, who is widely recognized throughout the Indianapolis community as a giver and doer. The purpose of the lecture is to inspire leaders of all ages to give their time, talent and treasure, thus perpetuating the ideal of "service-in-action" exemplified by Jerry Semler. This event is presented by the Randall L. Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence, and is sponsored by OneAmerica.

