

Development Update

10th Annual Golf Outing

CYP would like to thank all who supported the 10th Annual Golf Outing, held August 20th at Ruffled Feathers Golf Club. Although the weather was not cooperative, CYP was still able to raise over \$69,000. Special thanks goes out to all our sponsors, especially LaSalle Bank and Ernst & Young, and to the golf committee on their exceptional efforts to make this event a success!

12th Annual Season of Hope

CYP's Season of Hope, annual design competition and fundraiser, will shortly be getting underway. The Season of Hope features artfully decorated trees that will be on display in the lobby of Prudential Plaza from November 23rd through December 31st. Sponsorship opportunities are available, along with openings for design teams. For more information, please call James Redmond at (773) 924-0220 ext. 102.

E-mail Addresses

Beginning this fall and continuing through 2008, CYP will begin using a multitude of web-based communications to better inform and update our friends and supporters regarding the latest news and events at CYP. As we move forward with our online communications, we need your e-mail address to add to our expanding database. Inside this newsletter, please find an e-mail address postcard. **Please fill this postcard out and send it back to CYP.** Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Donations Needed

CYP requests your help in providing computers for use by our program youth/families. For more info or to make a donation, please call James Redmond at (773) 924-0220 x 102.



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PASS It On

CYP's new and innovative PASS It On program has started its school year programming schedule for youth. Running daily from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. at our Washington Park Community Center, PASS It On is providing structured peer-led activities during the immediate after-school period. Utilizing CYP's unique Peer-to-Peer mentoring model, PASS It On employs our college students and late high school students as the program staff.

Many of the activities offered during the summer day camp period of the PASS It On program will continue, including book clubs, recreation, and cooking. However, the school year program will be supplemented with one-on-one tutoring, increased physical education time and additional nutrition/health programming. Through funds obtained from the U.S. Department of Education's Carole White PEP Grant, CYP has been able to focus more time and resources to physical education and nutrition, in order to combat the high incidence and risk for childhood obesity -- identified amongst program youth.

The PASS It On program will employ the SPARK (Sports, Play & Active Recreation for Kids!) approach to physical education. Using the SPARK curriculum, PASS It On youth will develop and maintain acceptable fitness levels, cultivate a variety of basic movement and manipulative skills, and demonstrate cooperative behaviors (sportsmanship, teamwork, "golden rule"). In addition to the SPARK activities, the program will also utilize a registered dietitian to educate and prepare lessons on

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healthy eating/proper nutrition. The dietitian will work in conjunction with our Washington Park Children's Free Clinic in providing comprehensive health services to all PASS It On program participants.

CYP is extremely excited to begin the school year portion of the PASS It On program, maximizing the resources of our center during a time of day it was predominately unused. The program represents the comprehensive nature of CYP; with a mix of tutoring, peer mentoring, recreation, and health activities. Furthermore, PASS It On is addressing the critical need of providing positive after school activities and supervision for at-risk youth.

Community Updates

Cabrini Green Youth Program

During the fall, the CGYP will start a new PREP (Parent Run Evening Preschool) program operating from Seward Park. This new site will add a third PREP session to Cabrini Green, ensuring that community youth receive critical early childhood literacy skills. Moreover, this new site will be staffed by new PREP moms, bringing in additional children and families to the program.

Uptown Youth Program

The Fatherhood program has begun meetings and is planning their first group activities here during the fall. The program, which provides support to fathers and their children in the Uptown community, is currently planning to start the first Uptown PREP program in January of 2008. Based on the successful programs currently operating in Cabrini Green and

Washington Park, the Uptown PREP program will be the first to involve fathers in teaching their children to read, while receiving positive parenting and responsible fatherhood instruction.

Washington Park Youth Program

As a small component of the PASS It On program, a group of Washington Park children will be going to Wrightwood Capital for one-on-one tutoring each week. Every Thursday, this group will head downtown to meet with their volunteer. This new partnership not only provides corporate professional program volunteers, it allows our children to have the opportunity to see and experience a busy downtown office. CYP would like to publicly thank Wrightwood Capital for generously supporting this unique program and volunteer partnership!

Summer Programs

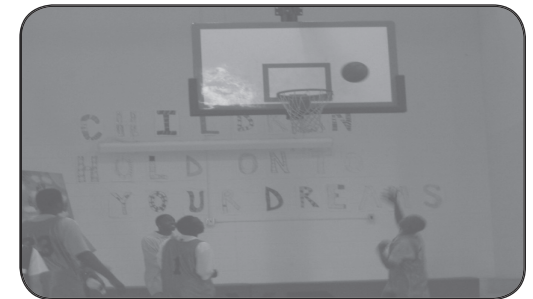
This summer, CYP youth were able to participate in the largest and most diverse summer programming ever offered by CYP. Due in large part to the PASS It On summer day camp, youth took part in a daily mix of activities. The summer day camp included book clubs, photography, gardening, cooking, karate, hip-hop dance, and multi-sports. In addition, youth took educational fieldtrips to the Lincoln Park Zoo, Millennium Park and the Museum of Science and Industry. The program was primarily staffed by CYP's college and high school students who were the "camp counselors." With the summer session ending, many of these peer mentors have now become PASS It On leaders for the current school year program.

Boundary Waters Trip



In late July, teen boys from Cabrini Green and Washington Park went on a one-week camping trip to the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota. During their trip, the boys camped, fished, canoed, and were able to explore the wilderness -- an opportunity these inner-city youth may otherwise not have. The trip was organized in part by one of CYP's collaborating partners, Big City Mountaineers.

Summer Talent Show



On August 9th, youth in CYP's PASS It On summer day camp produced a talent show to demonstrate to family and friends what activities they had participated in during the summer. "The Show" included basketball skill drills, a karate exhibition, hip-hop dancing, poetry readings, and photography presentation. The evening ended on a high note when all PASS It On participants came together to sing "Hold On to Your Dreams."