



St. Paul *Youth* Services

Building a Foundation for the Youth of St. Paul

2006~2009
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WE SEE A WORLD **WHERE** EVERY YOUNG PERSON **WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED IN LIFE**

ST. PAUL YOUTH SERVICES began over thirty years ago as a collaboration between St. Paul's Mayoral Office, City Council and Police Department to provide community-based alternatives for youth involved with the juvenile justice system.

Early on, youth workers in neighborhood offices provided intervention services for youth identified by schools, police, courts and community agencies.

Since its incorporation in 1978, the organization has further developed specific programs for youth and families in the community.

From 2000 through 2005, St. Paul Youth Services **has served more than 1000 youth and families each year** through its four main programs:

- *All Children Excel*
- *Behavior Intervention Program*
- *Children's Crisis Response*, and
- *Community Education*

St. Paul Youth Services helps:

- Hold first-time offenders accountable
- Give youth a second chance to get on the right track
- Good kids who made a poor choice avoid a juvenile record
- Students with behavior problems succeed in school
- Provide youth with accountability, support, and encouragement
- Intervene in family crisis situations

Through all of these developments over thirty years St. Paul Youth Services has remained constant with:

- A mission to intervene early to prevent youth's ongoing involvement in the juvenile justice system,
- Staff recognized by the community for their integrity and commitment,
- An identity defined as a community-based alternative to traditional systems, and
- Positive relationships and collaboration with the St. Paul Police Department, St. Paul Public Schools and Ramsey County.

A Home for St. Paul Youth Services

THROUGHOUT THE THIRTY-YEAR HISTORY of St. Paul Youth Services, finding space to counsel clients, provide educational group sessions and hold a meeting has been an issue. Staff was housed in scattered space around the city, meeting clients in unused classrooms, community centers and even church basements. Obviously, these facilities have been less than adequate and provided their own challenges for both clients and staff. Both economic responsibility and the advantages of program staff collaborating for the benefits of youth required a single office environment.

The past decade has found a reasonable solution, leasing part of a building on Arcade Street in St. Paul. *Face to Face Health and Counseling Services* has been a compatible and compassionate landlord allowing the use of space beyond the leased area for counseling clients, Board meetings and other program offerings. This, combined with a very favorable financial arrangement, has provided St. Paul Youth Services the ability to grow and invest more revenues to the youth and parents we serve.

This growth and the changing needs of clients has required the need for more staff interaction and space for group educational meetings and seminars. Additionally, due to its own growth, Face to Face is unable to extend its lease to St. Paul Youth Services.

Faced with this double challenge—the need for more space and the end of a favorable lease arrangement—the Board of Directors investigated the options for new facilities.

Requirements for the facility and its location included:

- Keeping St. Paul Youth Services in a financially responsible position
- Adequate space for current and future programming opportunities and expansion
- Proximity to public transportation and other opportunities for youth.



Building at 2100 Wilson Avenue in St. Paul.

Based on a detailed financial analysis, exploration of other rental space, buildings for sale and costs of new construction, the committee recommended to the Board the purchase of the building at 2100 Wilson Avenue in St. Paul.

St. Paul Youth Services' leadership had the foresight to plan for growth and has managed to reserve some funds for procurement of this building. Confident of community support for this campaign, St. Paul Youth Services will continue to devote its resources to youth and find the stability of a permanent location in St. Paul.

*“With your help we turn
high risk into high hopes.”*

Capital Campaign

BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE YOUTH OF ST. PAUL

This campaign will provide St. Paul Youth Services with:

- **STABILITY**—St. Paul youth will benefit from early intervention services for decades to come
- **ADEQUATE SPACE**—Opportunities for innovative programs for our young people who are starting down a wrong path
- **FISCAL SECURITY**—More resources dedicated to the youth of our community
- **EXCELLENT LOCATION**—Easy access for clients and potential for more collaborative endeavors
- **APPROPRIATE SPACE**—Staff can collaborate to find solutions for family concerns
- **EDUCATIONAL SPACE**—Increasing the skills of professionals in schools, law enforcement and parents that deal with youth who exhibit problem behavior

Your Support is Critical.

Contact St. Paul Youth Services
at 651-771-1301 or www.spys.org
to be a part of this exciting
opportunity for the youth
of St. Paul.



The Board of Directors has set \$1,800,000 as the goal for the campaign. Costs for the new facility and move are as follows:

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Building.....	\$1,300,000
Capital Improvements.....	110,000
Furnishings and Equipment.....	80,000
Contingency @ 5%.....	75,000
	\$1,565,000

OTHER EXPENSES

Interim Financing.....	\$130,000
Taxes and Legal Expense.....	80,000
Relocation and Campaign.....	25,000
	\$235,000

TOTAL \$1,800,000



Calvin's story

Calvin was constantly bullying and fighting with other students at school. After several suspensions he was behind academically.

Our staff worked to help Calvin learn to solve problems without violence. We helped him set goals, avoid fights and improve his grades. He has not been suspended since then and actually reports enjoying his time at school.

St. Paul Youth Services works with over 150 youth like Calvin each year. School records indicate 79% significantly improve their behavior giving them a much greater chance at success in school and life. ■



Cindy's story

Cindy had just kicked a hole in her bedroom wall and could be heard screaming in the background as her father called for help.

Our counselors arrived at their house immediately, diffused the conflict and helped identify ways Cindy could communicate without resorting to violence. We then connected the family with additional community resources who could provide longer-term help.

A month later, her father expressed gratitude that our staff had helped him realize that he is neither helpless nor alone as a parent. There is more work for this family, but they are making progress towards healthier relationships.

This year St. Paul Youth Services will respond to over 500 such crises. Surveys indicate 94% of parents felt that the immediate crisis was calmed and they were provided with a practical plan for resolution of the issue that precipitated the situation. ■



Dwayne's story

At age 10 and already a gang member, Dwayne assaulted a neighborhood girl. His impoverished home environment lacked structure and was devastated with substance abuse and criminal activity. Dwayne felt hopeless and confused.

After five years of working with our counselors, Dwayne and his family are on their way to stability and success. His mom has been sober for three years and has a steady job. Currently a ninth grader, Dwayne has had no further police contact, plays JV ball and even tutors younger kids after school.

Each young person like Dwayne that gets back into a positive social situation saves over \$1,000,000 in law enforcement, justice and human services costs during their adolescence. And, the majority of them are demonstrating long-term, life enhancing development. ■

St. Paul Youth Services has been the recognized leader in the St. Paul area for 30 years in working with families and the community to redirect youth who are starting to get in trouble at home, in school, or with the law.



*Your support is critical.
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Or, you can find us at
www.spys.org to discover
more about how we
impact youth and the
St. Paul community.*

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