

# ON A MISSION





The Youth Service Bureau exists to help ensure children, youth, and families have every opportunity to reach their full potential.





# TO MAKE AN IMPACT

11,520

individuals reached through service, education, and outreach





3,330

youth received mentoring, afterschool, and prevention programming





512

youth and families were provided with intensive residential and in-home services

## **OUR PROGRAMS**

Our 14 programs serve kids, prenatal through age 21 years, and their families. These programs provide group home housing, runaway shelter services, transitional housing, 24/7 hotline response, family conferencing, drug and alcohol prevention services, mentoring, and family intervention and reunification services.





## **Project Safe and Smart**

This program is a collaboration with Centre Safe teaching 2nd grade children the difference between safe and unsafe touches. Four key concepts are: Trust your feelings, Try to say no, Try to walk away, and Tell an adult.

We reached 88 kids in 2022.

## Student Assistance Program

YSB works with SAP teams in all five school districts in Centre County to mobilize school and community resources to remove barriers to a student's success at school such as mental health, drug or alcohol concerns, and truancy.



### **BURROWES STREET YOUTH HAVEN**

PROVIDING SAFETY

100%

of youth felt safe while in the program

100%

of youth successfully returned home or found a stable alternative



100%

of youth reported they were treated with respect and understanding

90%

of youth reported they would reach out if they needed services in the future

Burrowes Street Youth Haven is a shelter for homeless and runaway youth, ages 12-17 years. In addition, youth who are having family issues making it difficult for them to live at home, may come to the shelter whenever they need a safe place to stay, day or night. Caring, professional Youth Advocates provide assistance for both residential and drop-in care. Young adults can drop by for a snack, a meal, a shower, or to talk to staff.

### **JOSHUA**

More than anything, Joshua wanted to know that his father loved him. After they had an intense argument, Joshua called YSB's 24/7 emergency number asking to stay at the shelter. Joshua was familiar with YSB's services because he had attended our Active Mondays at Nittany Valley Sports Centre and came to community events where kids receiving YSB services were volunteering.

Joshua and his father both agreed that a stay at the Youth Haven could provide much needed time to reflect on their conflict. Youth Advocates conducted multiple individual and family sessions working to repair the relationship. Eventually, Joshua was able to tell his dad, "I want to hear you say you love me." Then the counseling sessions focused on expressions of love already present in their home and new ways to share deep caring for one another.

Joshua did return home. He and his father take time to share their love every day.

Occasionally, Joshua attends events at the shelter or just drops in to say, "Hello," to the Youth Advocates who helped him learn that love comes in many forms.

### **PREVENTION**

#### **EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT IN EVERY SCHOOL**

of youth avoided tobacco. alcohol, and other drugs

70%

of youth reported being better able to regulate their emotions



5,671

children benefited from Prevention Services

96%

of youth can name at least one caring adult they can turn to

#### **Programming for Youth**

- Social emotional learning
- Drug & alcohol prevention
- Tobacco education
- Social media safety
- Violence prevention
- LGBTQIA & allyship

#### Professional Development for Teachers & Staff

- Diversity, equity, & inclusion Poverty & privilege
- Toxic masculinitu

### **ELLIOT**

The YSB Director of Prevention Services received a phone call from a high school guidance counselor looking for assistance with Elliot. He was not doing any schoolwork and failing every class. Physical abuse by his mother left Elliot without a positive adult relationship at home. Stays at the local psychiatric center due to addiction and poor mental health compounded his troubles.

At the suggestion of the local drug and alcohol officer, the Director of Prevention Services and a YSB Youth Advocate met with Elliot and formed a book group. They read Dharma Punx, by Noah Levine, a story about a young man, like Elliot, rebelling against authority.

Every week the three met. At first, they would take turns reading aloud. As the story progressed, Elliot identified with the main character. Elliot began reading independently and then their meetings became discussions of the character's challenges, support systems, and decision making.

It only took three weeks of the book group meetings for teachers to comment that Elliot was paying more attention and doing some school work. The YSB team gave Elliot their work cell phone numbers and told him he could call if he needed help. Book group discussions expanded to topics of goal setting and future plans.

The consistency, attention, and safe space two YSB team members gave Elliot are the foundation for his positive future.

### YOUTH CENTERS + STREET OUTREACH

### SAFETY, LEARNING & FUN

81%

of youth report better ability to resolve conflict

63%

of youth improved their academic performance



738

youth regularly attended our youth centers and street outreach sites. 485 more than 2021!

97%

of youth learned positive decision making skills

Kids are in a safe, supervised environment where they can be with friends, eat a snack or meal, get help with homework, and participate in fun, meaningful activities with YSB staff.

- Bald Eagle Area School District
- Bellefonte Youth Center
- Ashworth Woods
- Beaver Farms



- Mountaintop Youth Center
- Philipsburg
- Pleasant Pointe



In September and shortly after she was placed with a foster family because her parents' home was unsafe, Andrea, age 7, began attending a Youth Center. The transition to her new life near the Youth Center was carefully implemented. For the first part of the school year, she continued to attend her home school, traveling 70 minutes per day. The supportive adults in her life expressed concern that she stopped showing her "true self." The Youth Advocates at the Youth Center described her as "lost and unsure."

After her first two weeks at the Youth Center, when she had the opportunity to express her feelings to the Youth Advocates, Andrea started drawing, listening to music, and singing. With a Youth Advocate by her side, Andrea told stories and shared as she drew her parents' home and cat, her foster home with new siblings, and the Youth Center.

Now Andrea feels comfortable and safe at the Youth Center. She added playing catch and playing with dolls to her activity list. Her drawings of the Youth Center include the words, "I love the Youth Center," and are taped to the walls. At a family event at the Youth Center, Andrea passed out cupcakes and thanked attendees. Providing words of encouragement, Andrea assists kids who are having a bad day.

Despite the trauma Andrea is experiencing because of being removed from her parents' home into foster care, she is flourishing in the safe, supervised, positive space at the Youth Center.

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

#### **MENTORING**

100%

of youth improved their self-confidence

88%

of youth improved emotional self-regulation



94%

of youth improved their academic performance

107

youth served

One caring adult (Big) can make a significant difference in the life of a child (Little). Children, ages 5-16 years, are matched in one-on-one mentoring relationships that they can remain in until they graduate from high school.

Community-based matches meet weekly at a time and place of their choosing.

Site-based matches meet weekly at a regularly scheduled time and place.

YSB staff are present and plan activities for matches to enjoy.

- Easterly Parkway Elementary
- Park Forest Elementary
- Radio Park Elementary

- Pleasant Gap Elementary
- Bellefonte Elementary



### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

Emily (Big) and Sarah (Little) were matched in 2013 when Sarah was 5 years old. Sarah has a learning disability delaying her development, and her behavior seems young for her age. Her parents, who recently married and never completed their educations, struggle to maintain employment. The family moves often, and their current home is in poor condition.





**Centre County United Way** 

When Emily and Sarah first started meeting, Sarah was quite grumpy and impolite. No matter what fun activity Emily planned, Sarah was unable to acknowledge the effort Emily was making to connect and have fun with her.

Over time and as their relationship developed, not only has Emily been Sarah's Big Sister, but also, she interacts with the whole family. Every December, Emily hosts a cookie making event at the family's home. She brings all the ingredients, kitchen supplies, and dinner too. Games, music, and gifts are part of the day for everyone in the household.

Now Sarah and Emily have a strong relationship. Sarah is all smiles when she talks about Emily and her dog, Journey, who is "part" of the match. Sarah wants to be a vet when she grows up, so Emily encourages her to finish high school.

To help Sarah's family celebrate her parents' marriage, Emily attended the ceremony as their photographer. At several match meetings, Sarah and Emily created a wedding album to give to her parents as a gift. Thanks to both their efforts, the family has a keepsake that captured an incredibly special day. Even Sarah's mother, who is guarded, referred to Emily as "a special person for us."

### PARENTING EDUCATION

### **EVERYONE NEEDS A HELPING HAND**

100%

of participants had no reports of abuse one year after completing the program

134

children benefitted from the Parenting Plus program





93

caregivers participated in Parenting Plus services

94%

of families enrolled in evidence-based curricula completed the program

With the goal of helping kids grow and create healthy, happy lives of their own, Parenting Plus provides in-home education and support groups for families to learn child development and parenting skills. They also learn to develop resiliency and strong social connections.

### **KATHY**

Kathy is a single mother with three active boys. They lived on a busy street and Kathy, concerned for the boys' safety, asked for assistance managing the situation. A Parent Educator helped Kathy develop strategies to keep them safe outside and routines to manage a busy household.

Sadly, the family lost their rental home and temporarily moved in with family. The routines they established were difficult to implement in the small, strained living situation.

Kathy wanted to find a home for her and the boys in their current school district. When she did, it was in a neighborhood with many recreational opportunities nearby. Again, a Parent Educator and Kathy worked to structure the family's routines. Kathy learned to consistently enforce the rules and expectations to keep her boys safe and minimize household conflict.

That year, the transition from a summer schedule to a school schedule was challenging. With encouragement from a Parent Educator, Kathy applied what she learned to reestablish the practices that got the boys up and ready for school, completing their homework, and going to bed at a reasonable time.

Kathy now has many supports in her new neighborhood and is cultivating a community for herself and the boys. Furthermore, she has newfound confidence in her ability to handle her busy household and create a safe, structured place for her boys to grow into their potential.

### **FAMILY GROUP DECISION MAKING**

### **EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO WORK TOGETHER**

23

**Family Group Conferences** 

11

Youth Transition Conferences

32

Centre County Children's Team Meetings



100%

of families felt the program met the needs of their familu

100%

of participants would recommend FGDM to other families

During Family Group Conferences, trained facilitators guide families through a discussion of family strengths, needs, concerns, and barriers.

Youth Transition Conferences help teens create a plan for independence.

Centre County Children's Team Meetings connect families to mental health supports.

### **OLIVIA**

Olivia was a newborn needing a safe home. Her parents, Nancy and David, were addicted to opioids with a history of reaching sobriety and then relapsing. Nancy remained sober throughout her pregnancy, but David struggled to stay sober. Knowing the situation, Centre County Children and Youth Services (CYS) established a safety plan requiring full-time supervision. The family moved in to Nancy's mother's house and when Olivia cried, her parents and grandmother attended to her. At no time were Nancy and David allowed to be alone with Olivia.

When Olivia turned two months of age, David learned he would have to report to jail soon, and Nancy and David wanted unsupervised time with her. The Case Manager at CYS referred them to YSB for a family group conference.

At the conference, along with Nancy and David, were Olivia's grandparents and aunts from both sides of the family. They discussed the family's strengths such as being able to identify when Nancy and David were using and the family's willingness to hold them accountable. The family was concerned about Nancy and David hanging out with their substance using friends and what to do if one or both of them relapsed. With the action plan determined at the meeting, Nancy said in disbelief, "So I can take her to our home?"

Nancy, David, and Olivia spent one week together without full-time supervision before David reported to jail. The plans decided upon at the conference remained in place with daily check-ins and Nancy's mother staying with Olivia when Nancy went to the methadone clinic. The family's unsupervised time was cherished, and Nancy and Olivia look forward to David's return.

### **DECLUTTER**

#### TO CREATE SAFE & ORGANIZED SPACES







The DeClutter Team empowers people to improve the functionality and organization of their homes. Clients learn to make their own decisions about their belongings and take control of their surroundings.

40

children now have homes that are safer and decluttered 34

households served

100%

of households maintained their homes after services ended

### **ANDI**

STUFF. I have a LOT of STUFF. I enjoy shopping for STUFF, and though I feel guilty when I buy STUFF, the guilt dissipates and I buy more STUFF. Maybe someday I may even use some of my STUFF – maybe.

The problem is... I don't need more STUFF. I'm starting to feel overwhelmed and smothered.

My Case Manager and I have been working together to declutter my life and get rid of stuff I've collected that has no usefulness to me and serves no real purpose except to take up space and keep me off balance. Perhaps my clutter, my stuff, can be of use to someone else so the things "I decide" to get rid of (you heard that right, I make the decisions), the Case Manager donates to area nonprofit agencies that serve the needs of those who do need "stuff." There's no real pressure. A gentle nudge or so, maybe, but it's not the end of the world if I choose to keep something on a particular day.

I was hesitant to get the Case Manager involved. Afterall, I loved my stuff and parting with it was going to be extremely difficult. Despite my premature misgivings, the Case Manager made the process relatively painless. The reason I say "relatively" is that although some of my stuff was easy to give up, there were some things that left me with a sense of loss for a little while. I got over it and allowed myself to feel a bit more free, less cluttered. The key for me was my determination. Afterall, it was just STUFF!

# JUMP JUVENILE MENTORING PROGRAM

38

youth served

98%

of youth successfully completed Aggression Replacement Training



95%

of youth had no new charges one year after leaving the program

87%

of youth successfully completed all of their goals

JUMP serves at-risk youth, ages 12-17 years, in the delinquency system. Through mentoring, group activities, community service opportunities, and evidence-based curriculum including Aggression Replacement Training (ART), youth learn skills and behaviors intended to help them avoid future delinquent behavior.

### **HENRY**

Henry didn't care about anyone or anything. He'd been in trouble at school and elsewhere since a very young age. His involvement with the juvenile justice system began at 12 years. When he reached 14 years, he found himself under the supervision of a probation officer.

The probation officer referred Henry to our Juvenile Mentoring Program. Henry remained incident free outside school but continued to have difficulties getting along with his classmates. He claimed he wanted to do better.

Through group activities that are part of JUMP, Henry learned to adjust his behavior and create a more comfortable environment for everyone. The individualized attention he received from his Youth Advocate made him feel special.

Due to an unpaid fine, his probation was extended. Henry didn't mind. He intended to continue participating in JUMP activities regardless. JUMP gave him a support system he didn't have previously. Henry's mother, who is raising him alone and can become overwhelmed by his challenging behavior, felt supported by JUMP too.

Henry admitted to being a "work in progress." With support from his Youth Advocate, JUMP peers, mother, and probation officer, he continues to learn and grow.

### REUNIFICATION

#### FINDING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN

35

youth served

75%

of youth remained in permanent and stable living after discharge



15

families served

100%

of youth served were connected to at least 40 caring adults

The Reunification Team works to resolve issues that led to family separation. Working closely with children and families, the Team provides supervised visitation, individual and family counseling, referrals to community resources, transportation, and court testimony. When returning home isn't an option, the Team works to find permanency through family members, foster care, or adoption.

### **ERIC**

Eric, age 8 years, was experiencing physical abuse and neglect at home. He was not safe with his mother and her series of partners. His father was absent from his life and incarcerated. As a result of his mother's disregard for a safety plan established by Centre County Children and Youth Services (CYS), Eric was placed in foster care. It wasn't until his fourth foster care home that he found some stability within a family.

The YSB Reunification Team was the only constant, supportive presence in Eric's life as he moved from one foster home to the next. Repeated moves led Eric to the conclusion that he is a bad kid undeserving of love. A YSB team member was there to help him process these feelings and understand that his past does not determine his future. Also, YSB worked with the family to arrange visits and provide transportation to see his paternal grandmother.

After nearly two years, the foster family asked to adopt Eric. By that time, Eric was calling his foster parents, "Mom and Dad." His birth mother, unable to create a safe home for Eric, consented to the adoption and relinquished her parental rights. Eric's birth father was not agreeable at first, but due to continued difficulty with the law, his parental rights were terminated.

With his new, permanent family, Eric feels safe enough to talk about his past trauma and knows he will receive care and support. He is a happy, silly kid. At the adoption hearing, to better blend with his new family, Eric decided to change his first and last name. The judge at the hearing said, "This is the happiest adoption I have ever presided over."

### STORMBREAK GIRLS GROUP HOME

#### A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

11

girls, from 6 counties, lived with us in 2022

100%

of girls have graduated high school or plan to graduate



100%

of girls felt they learned healthy coping skills while at Stormbreak

100%

of girls were involved in the identification of their needs and the development of their treatment plan

Stormbreak is home to girls, ages 12-18 years, who have no other safe option. Children and Youth Services and Juvenile Probation Offices statewide refer girls to Stormbreak. They stay with us until they can return to family, move into a permanent home, or move on to independent living.

### **STEPHANIE**

Stephanie, 16 years, had a history of running away from home and difficulty forming healthy bonds with others. Her substance use led to her placement in a residential treatment facility. It was there that Stephanie and her parents were referred to YSB's Reunification program. While at the facility and with the help of the Reunification Team, Stephanie worked on taking care of herself and maintaining a relationship with her parents.

Eventually, Stephanie was able to move to a less restrictive program and came to Stormbreak. Returning home is what she wanted most, but neither Stephanie nor her parents were ready.

Working with the Reunification and Stormbreak Teams, Stephanie and her parents worked to build trust and establish boundaries. It was a slow process that involved visits to home, learning more about her own behaviors, and the Teams guiding her parents to improve their parenting skills. Stephanie focused on herself and developing a positive relationship with her parents so she could return home.

At home, Stephanie, drug free with improved self-awareness, returned to public school. She and her parents remained in touch with the Reunification and Stormbreak Teams to get through rough patches when Stephanie tested boundaries and her parents needed advice. By directing Stephanie's parents to community resources, the Teams helped them resolve home repair issues. Stephanie and her parents know to turn to YSB if they need help again.

### INDEPENDENT LIVING

### FINDING THEIR WAY

100%

of young adults reported they learned skills to help them live independently

93%

of young adults would refer a friend to the program



24

young adults benefited from the apartment program

100%

of young adults helped in the creation of their transition plans

In their journey to independence, young adults, ages 16-21 years, live in YSB apartments as they learn life skills. The program is designed to help youth who are homeless, living in a dangerous situation with no place to go, or aging out of foster care or other group home living. They receive coaching, guidance, and support from dedicated staff as they work their way to independence.

### **MEGHAN**

Meghan was living in her car. She'd left her alcoholic mother and was hanging around the wrong kids who encouraged her to start using drugs. Eventually, she found her way to YSB's Independent Living program and lived in a YSB apartment for 18 months, the maximum length of time allowed through the federal grant that partially supports the program. During her time in the program, she received drug and alcohol counseling and learned to manage her finances. Getting into college was important to Meghan, so YSB helped her through the application process. When she "graduated" from the Independent Living program, she moved into her own apartment.

Meghan attended several colleges until finally settling on Slippery Rock University. She graduated with a degree in social work and has been accepted into a master's degree program. She'll be presenting at a National Alliance on Mental Illness conference about LGBT youth mental health and child welfare.

Meghan spoke to the Slippery Rock President about the special needs of students coming from foster care or experiencing homelessness. Resources for these students exist, but they were not easy to find. Thanks to Meghan's influence, Slippery Rock now has a webpage specifically for foster students or unaccompanied homeless youth and their unique challenges.

With the help of social services like YSB, Meghan changed the trajectory of her life. She knows her success will be important to her future family and community.

# THE YSB TEAM MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN







#### **Leadership Team**

- Christine Bishop, Chief Executive Officer
- Heather Brown, Chief Financial Officer
- Mary Drawl, Vice President of Finance
- Theresa Kieffer, Vice President of Programs
- Raelee Hulek, Human Resources Director
- Mary Frandsen, Grants Manager
- Kathy Coursen, Development Coordinator
- Vanessa Baronner, Director of Residential Services
- Ty Barrickman, Assistant Director of Residential Services
- Don Burns, JUMP & Reunification Program Director
- Jennifer Crane, Parenting Education & Declutter Program Director
- Ian Kaiper-Marquez, Director of Prevention Services
- Rebecca Lord, Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Director
- Christie Warner, Family Group Decision Making Program Director

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#### **Mountaintop Youth Center**

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#### **Bellefonte Youth Center**

114 N. Spring Street Bellefonte, PA 16823

#### Supportive Independent Living

334 S. Burrowes Street State College, PA 16801

#### Youth Shelter

334 S. Burrowes Street State College, PA 16801

#### **Girls Group Home**

143 W. Fairmount Avenue State College, PA 16801 Phone: 814-234-7929

For more information, all programs can be reached at info@ccysb.com

814-237-5731

24/7 Crisis: 814-234-2100

### BY THE NUMBERS

### ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES







Each year, YSB needs to raise over \$650,000 through fundraising and individual gifts to support our overall budget.

#### **Statement of Financial Activities**

#### **Revenue Classification**

Governmental Grants & Contracts	\$2,845,635
Contributions & Fundraising	\$670,807
United Way	\$142,105
In-Kind Contributions	\$118,417
Investment Income, net	(\$274,938)
Other Revenues	\$205,470
Total Revenue	\$3,707,496

#### **Expense Classification**

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Salaries & Benefits	\$2,840,146
Staff Development	\$28,179
Staff/Client Transportation	\$58,462
Assistance to Individuals	\$21,596
Occupancy Expense	\$353,002
Insurance	\$86,051
Depreciation	\$97,300
In-Kind Expenses	\$118,417
All Other Operating	\$436,764
Total Expense	\$4,039,917

#### **Net Assets**

Change in Net Assets	(\$332,421)
Net Assets, Beginning	\$4,492,30
Net Assets, Ending	\$4,159,886

#### Statement of Financial Position

#### **Major Assets Categories**

Total Assets	\$6,592,097
Property and Equipment, net	\$1,535,980
Beneficial Interest Trust	\$1,538,117
Investments	\$2,214,401
Prepaid Expenses	\$30,990
Accounts Receivable	\$506,950
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$765,659

#### **Major Liability Categories**

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Accounts Payable	\$206,346
Mortgage and Notes Payable	\$850,186
Liability of Life Beneficiary	\$1,165,986
Accrued Vacation & Sick Pay	\$191,551
Deferred Revenue	\$18,142
Total Liabilities	\$2 432 211

#### **Net Assets**

Ne	et Assets with Donor Restriction	\$1,199,510
Ne	et Assets without Donor Restriction	\$2,960,376
To	otal Net Assets	\$4,159,886
To	otal Liabilities and Net Assets	\$6 592 097



#### Looking Forward To Next Fiscal Year

Budget: \$4,333,872

Government Grants & Contracts 78.6% \$3,406,142

Fundraising & Contributions 14.5% \$628,726

United Way 2.9%

\$125,000

Other Income 4% \$174,004



### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### RAISING OVER \$145,200 FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES





May 9, 2022





June 16 & 17, 2022





September 16, 2022

Each year, YSB needs to raise over \$650,000 through fundraising and individual gifts to support our overall budget. The generous sponsors and participants who joined us for the events helped us reach our goal.

510

people engaged across all events



170

volunteers helped make the events possible













### IN GRATITUDE

#### FOR ALL WHO DONATE AND DEDICATE TIME TO YSB







We are thankful for the volunteers who spend their time with us, individuals and companies who contribute in-kind donations, and all who choose to invest their charitable dollars.

### **CIRCLE OF SUPPORT**

#### A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 AND ABOVE

Leadership Donors - \$10,000 +

Amy &Jeremy Frank
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### IN GRATITUDE

#### THE GENEROSITY CONTINUES







Every gift of time, product or services, and money, no matter the amount, makes a difference in the life of a child.

You make the work we do at YSB possible.

Wisdom Donors - \$2,500 - \$4,999

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP



Everyone can make a difference in the life of a child. We invite you to help us bring our mission to life in a way that is meaningful to you.

#### **Give For Today**

A donation to YSB will ensure that we can continue to provide the prevention programming, family services, and residential homes that youth and families need to help them reach their full potential.

#### **Give For Tomorrow**

Through bequests, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, and gifts into existing YSB endowment funds, there are many ways to make kids matter for generations to come.



volunteers donated their time to YSB



#### **Business Donations**

Provide goods, services, volunteers, donations, or meeting space through your business.

#### In-Kind

Individuals can contribute goods, services, time, and expertise to programs.

#### Volunteer

YSB relies on the time and talents of hundreds of volunteers to help mentor young people, assist with cooking meals, teach special skills, and offer activities for our youth.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**



Dear Centre County Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, I am in awe of our team. We have 60 employees who give their all – days, nights, weekends, and holidays - to:

- take care of the young people who live safely with us in our residential programs,
- support the families who tap into our in-home services, and
- advocate for the kids we serve in schools, youth centers, and outreach sites.

However, a team of 60 could not provide consistent, high quality services to nearly 4,000 kids and families across more than a dozen programs without the **time, talent, and treasure of our community**. I am grateful for:

- our volunteer Board of Directors
- the mentors who serve in Big Brothers Big Sisters
- the groups who provide service activities and direct support within our programs
- the individuals who plan and execute our major fundraising events, and
- the businesses, service clubs, churches, foundations, and individuals who support our mission to:

Help ensure children, youth, and families have every opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you to everyone in our community who has contributed in ways both big and small!

YSB has no tangible product. We take care of kids and families. Since we are serving our community's most vulnerable members who are experiencing overwhelming circumstances, we go through a rigorous process to select, train, and support our employees and program volunteers. We work to reduce the expenses of doing business (facility ownership, generous in-kind donations to maintain our fleet of YSB vehicles at low cost, etc.). Our work prevents adversity from becoming a crisis. **Building positive relationships**, which are proven to benefit mental health and overall well-being, is our measure of success.

In the coming year, YSB will expand prevention programming in all five Centre County school districts. It doesn't matter where children live; they have equal access to high quality programming. With Centre Safe, we will add a new evidence-based workshop for parents called "Project Safe and Smart," which last year taught 2nd graders about personal safety.

Please reach out to me with your ideas, questions, offers of assistance, and support. We strive to keep our commitments to the kids and families we're currently serving and want to be able to step up wherever we are needed next.

With gratitude,

Christine Bishop, CEO

