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Serving the residents of Dallas County Youth Village and Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center of the Dallas County Juvenile Department

Message from the Chairman



Welcome to The Youth Village Foundation's ("YVF") first newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to share information regarding YVF, its accomplishments, and our programs. Each edition of the newsletter will include a success story by one of our young men as well as a spotlight on a supporter. This newsletter is the result of the enthusiastic and committed members of the Marketing & Communications Committee. I applaud them for a job well done.

YVF has grown in several areas over the past months. Our dedicated and passionate executive director has ensured that quality leadership is instituted in the management of YVF through partnerships with caring supporters such as Dallas Social Venture Partners ("DSVP"). Our close relationship with DSVP has moved YVF to a higher level of service and we thank Scott Chase, Richard Bernstein, Judy Watson and David Miller for sharing their professional talents and gifts with us.

YVF received a "First Fruit" donation from the First Unitarian Church of Dallas in July. We are so grateful that they chose YVF as the recipient of their "First Sunday Collection." This is truly a blessing that will benefit our young men through our Project S.A.V.E. program.

We recently welcomed new members to the board of directors: Richard Carrizales, Cindi Ellis, Fred Henley, Al Mendez and Lynn Thorby! Each of them was already participating at the committee level. New officers and board members will be sworn-in during our Annual Meeting in September by Dallas County Juvenile Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon.

Join me and spread the word about The Youth Village Foundation. We must continue to support the mission of YVF and maintain its vision to meet the needs of these young men.

Sincerely,

Patrick Collier
Chairman of the Board of Directors
The Youth Village Foundation

Winners Camp Enhances Reading and Introduces At-Risk Teens to New Opportunities

Approximately 25 at-risk teens in Dallas County are spending the summer at the Winners Camp, which is designed to improve the reading and social skills of children in the juvenile justice system. Within the six-week program, students spend weekday mornings in an intensive reading curriculum, with a 5:1 student-to-teacher ratio, while afternoon excursions have included tours of the wax museum, lessons about hurricanes at the IMAX theater, as well as trips to nature spots, cultural centers, courthouses and office buildings.

The students, ages 12 to 18, are on probation, have had truancy issues, or are in the Dallas County Youth Village and eligible for off-campus activities. Those enrolled in the program have been referred by probation officers, staff of Dallas Challenge, and others who believe the youth are in need of assistance with reading.

"The teens are given experiences they otherwise may never have been exposed to," says Rhonda Hunter, former president of the Dallas Bar Association. "In the morning, they receive the equivalent of a private school education. In the afternoon, they explore venues and share experiences that open their minds to new horizons, providing them a mechanism to help them expand their lives," says Hunter.

Most students in the Winners Camp are two or more grade levels behind in reading, but have shown the potential to learn or what organizers call "spark." The program was created by a think tank, led by Dallas lawyers Rhonda Hunter and Paula Miller, co-chair of the Dallas Bar's Juvenile Justice Committee, a sponsor of the program. The intensive multisensory structured reading curriculum was developed by the Shelton School, a private non-profit accredited school for learning-different students. In-house artistic training has also been integrated with the language skills programs.

Students were tested by Shelton School staff at the beginning of the program to ascertain their reading and language skills and difficulties. They will be tested again at the conclusion of the day camp to measure progress.

Extra-curricular activities are being coordinated by Glodean and Freddie Gardner of Afro-American Players. Funding for this pilot program was made possible by the following organizations: an anonymous donor, Baron & Blue Foundation, the Dallas County Youth Services Advisory Board, the Texas Bar Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Vinay Jain, the Kutch Family Fund of The Dallas Foundation, the C. Albert Tatum III Fund of The Dallas Foundation, and **The Youth Village Foundation**.

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We didn't want to simply pick a name for the newsletter and not have any reason behind the decision. So we thought it would be exciting to have a contest and let the residents of Dallas County Youth Village and Medlock Residential Treatment Center pick the name for us.

We are excited to announce that D.A. of Medlock Dorm 7 submitted the winning entry! The choice was a difficult one as there were many creative ideas. D.A.'s entry was chosen because we thought his name represents The Youth Village Foundation very well. He will receive a \$50 gift card from YVF. We would like to thank all of the residents who participated in the contest.

We dedicate this first edition of the newsletter to all of the residents of both facilities.

MESSAGE FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I feel really lucky to work for The Youth Village Foundation ("YVF") and to be able to develop programs that are effective. It truly is a blessing to help provide a better future for the young men with whom we work.

These are exciting times. If you look at how far YVF has come in the last two years, it is obvious that we are on the right path. During this time, our board of directors has been strengthened by the addition of new members. I feel as though we have just started to tap their incredible wealth of knowledge and experience.

Dallas Social Venture Partners and the Center for Nonprofit Management provided us with an Organizational Assessment that is a valuable tool for us. I look forward to working with them during our first Strategic Planning process.

I am happy about the early results from our Career Development programs. We have just started doing the Birkman Career Assessments. We appreciate Dr. Birkman for allowing us to use this assessment tool in planning and goal setting with our young men.

I am also very excited about re-starting our P.R.E.P. dog training program. The program was re-launched to make it sustainable and more effective. Trainers Juan and Irais Faura, owners of Canine Dimensions, will run this program for us. The young men will benefit from this program in many positive ways.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Silhan
Executive Director
The Youth Village Foundation

Success Story

"Life After Youth Village"

"Well before I was placed at Youth Village, I was blind and oblivious as to the problems I had. Some problems I did recognize but did nothing about and others I tried my best to ignore. I was living an artificial life in which I was the real puppet. Nothing was as it appeared. I found ways to manipulate a situation to work on my behalf. For instance, when I was treated unfairly or if I felt that way, then I would come up with some lame excuse as to why I could get revenge.

While at Dallas County Youth Village, I was given chances that I needed to self-review and evaluate myself to see what I needed to change. Sure, I am still human and don't want you to think that this is another fairy tale story. It's not. I had a hard time and job to do what I needed to do. I caught numerous attitudes with staff and other kids, but I had to step up in my life as a young man to take on my responsibilities for better or for worse. I had to think for myself.

Now I am out of Dallas County Youth Village for good and it is still a long hard road for me to have and travel. I know I can make it even after all that. I have been through with the right people on my path and people whom I have met on my journey. I have no other choice but to make it. I have been looking for a job, taking care of my family, and enjoying the rest of my life before I go on to being a full man. That's all."

~ Marquez
(a former resident of Dallas County Youth Village)
July, 2009

**Chili Cook-Off
Winners!**



Master Gardener Dick Coupe tasting "Village Chili" as it is warmed before the awards luncheon.

Katherine Lindholm from the North Texas Foodbank, Chef Brad Trudeau, and Barbara Gollman worked with Jordan, Marques and Michael from our Nutrition and Culinary Arts Program to create a great pot of chili. They named it "Village Chili."

They competed against Master Gardener members in a Chili Cook-off that began the Annual Master Gardeners Awards Luncheon. Our young men won the Best Chili Award! Other awards were given for most interesting, most unidentifiable ingredients, weirdest ingredients, and puts-fire-in-the-belly-hot.

As a result of the nutrition classes, the nutritional awareness of the young men rose 75%.

Mama Ida's Ice Cream Social: Eight of the young men from our Nutrition and Culinary Arts Program participated in the second annual Mama Ida's Ice Cream Social fundraiser at the Farmers Market. The event raises funds for maintenance of the Farmers Market.



Student chefs showcased their creativity and created ice cream/sorbet that was sampled by the public. The public voted on the best tasting ice cream/sorbet and the winning student received \$100 plus the opportunity to be featured in various media outlets. This year's fundraiser was a huge success with over 100 paying customers sampling ice cream and sorbet from local culinary students. A young man from Cordon Blue Culinary School won the competition this year (one of our young men won last year). Our students did an outstanding job having made ice cream/sorbet under the tutelage of Chef Chad Houser and Chef Janice Provost of Parigi Restaurant. Our guys also helped take down and store the tents after the event. It was a great day of community service!

Many help young offenders refocus

(By Robert Miller. Reprinted from *The Dallas Morning News*.)

Some might call it *serendipity*; others might chose *confluence*.

A combination of the two might best describe the common goals of a Dallas County juvenile disciplinary institution, a veteran of more than 30 years in the music business and an organization of socially committed business executives.

The three players:

- The Youth Village Foundation, founded in 2001, helps train young male offenders to help them re-enter society. The program operates at the Dallas County Youth Village, which houses 13- to 17-year-old nonviolent inmates, and the Medlock Residential Treatment Center, which houses young men charged with crimes of substance or alcohol abuse and sometimes multiple offenses. Most are serving 6-month to 1-year terms. The foundation provides these programs because the county doesn't have the money to do it and also because the foundation can follow up and track the young men after they're released. The county is forbidden to do so by law.

- The foundation reorganized in mid-2007 and hired Jerry D. Silhan as its first full-time executive director. He came from the music business, where he'd been West Coast vice president of sales and marketing for the \$1.2 billion Bertelsmann Music Group. Silhan helped develop Alicia Keys, Alan Jackson, John Denver, Brooks and Dunn, Britney Spears and others into multi-platinum stars. He also helped resurrect the careers of Rod Stewart, Santana,

Aretha Franklin, Luther Vandross and others. Silhan decided to pursue a career in nonprofit management in early 2007. He had lived in Dallas in the 1980s, and his wife is from here, so he came back and enrolled in courses at Brookhaven College and later Southern Methodist University.

- The 9-year-old Dallas Social Venture Partners is a nonprofit group of business executives who commit time and money to helping various causes in three- to five-year stints. The 138 members are primarily entrepreneurs, chief executives, chief financial officers, attorneys - and a chef.

The Youth Village Foundation has about 186 young offender clients, and over the course of a year, the staff works with up to 400.

Silhan said that Medlock's recidivism rate is just 21 percent, and Dallas County Youth Village has a 13 percent recidivism rate. The Texas Youth Commission as a whole has close to a 50 percent recidivism rate, according to an October 2007 report.

New directions:

The Youth Village Foundation programs were "created specifically to help youth in trouble turn their lives in a positive direction through education and healthy life changes," Silhan said.

Its dog training program helps youth develop anger management, impulse control and self-discipline skills. The dogs, which come from area shelters, can often be trained to become good candidates for adoption.

Partnerships drive most of the programs. The

foundation bought 15 Dell computers so that El Centro College could teach computer courses, and El Centro also offers a nutrition and culinary arts program and a certified food manager program.

The inmates grow vegetables and herbs that are used in the culinary arts programs or donated to the North Texas Food Bank. Sometimes they're sold to local restaurants or at the Farmers Market on weekends.

Investing time:

Now that Dallas Social Venture Partners has selected the foundation as an "investee," it will spend three years working there. It gave \$30,000 for this first year. The managerial input may outweigh the dollar contributions in importance. "Money isn't the solution to all of our issues," said Stacy Coldwell, executive director of Dallas Social Venture Partners. "It takes rolling up our sleeves because these people take their work very seriously. When they say they're going to do something, it's done."

The foundation always needs money and volunteers, Silhan says, while expressing appreciation for the following donors during the last 18 months: Speedway Children's Charities, the Sparks Foundation, Dallas Children's Charities, the Rees-Jones Foundation and the Stemmons Foundation. To help, call him at 214-957-7057 or email jsilhan@youthvillagefoundation.org.

Board Training Provided by Dallas Social Venture Partners

The June 20, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors of The Youth Village Foundation ("YVF") included a training session conducted by David Miller, one of our lead partners with Dallas Social Venture Partners ("DSVP"). This training session was focused on Effective Board Members and Meetings.

DSVP assists its investees with organizational capacity building, which includes the development of core skills, management practices, strategies and systems to enhance the organization's effectiveness, sustainability and ability to fulfill its mission.

We would like to thank David Miller and Scott Chase for the

time and effort they spend on behalf of YVF. Our mission would be much harder to accomplish without their help.

After the business portion of the meeting was concluded, a "get acquainted" social was held. The social gave board members an opportunity to become better acquainted. It was also an opportunity for new board members to learn more about YVF.

The board meeting and get acquainted social was held at Parigi Restaurant. The owners of Parigi are chef-mentoring partners of YVF.



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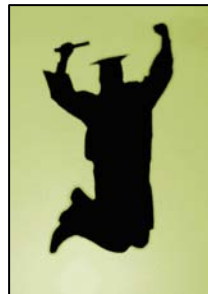
Chefs Chad Houser and Janice Provost, co-owners of Parigi Restaurant in Dallas, working with young men from our Nutrition and Culinary Arts Program. This was in preparation of the Dallas Social Venture Partners event which spotlighted its newest investee - The Youth Village Foundation ("YVF"). The event was held at Dallas County Youth Village on April 13, 2009. Over 40 people attended and were "professionally" served appetizers and drinks prepared by the young men/Chefs-in-Training. Other residents of Dallas County Youth Village served as guides through their dorms, school facilities, horticulture areas, and computer lab.

YVF is dedicated to helping male juvenile offenders ages 10 to 17 years old. The programs funded by YVF are created specifically to help youth in trouble turn their lives in a positive direction through education, vocational training and healthy life changes.

By maintaining contact with these young men after they are released from residential programs and exiting probation, we continue to meet their needs and offer solutions to their everyday challenges.



Our computer class just completed a great semester. Mr. Shelton from El Centro College said "the class went extremely well in a good healthy manner. The students were incredibly industrious and productive. The two hour time frame helped the students stay motivated and focused. There were limited classroom disruptions and horseplay." Thirteen young men graduated and received a certificate of completion. The grades are as follows: four A's, six B's, and three C's." The suggested dates for the next trimester are from August 10 through September 29, 2009.



Six young men received certificates for graduating from the Career Management Class. The class was taught by former Board Member Horace Blake in the Youth Village computer lab. The young men were taught how to prepare a resume, ask for references, write request letters, and job search on the internet. They were also taught how to look, act, dress, and talk in an interview. The young men received a flash drive on which they drafted their resumes, letters and notes. They will take the flash drives with them when they return home.

On August 4, 2009, the 16 young men in our Nutrition and Culinary Arts Program will participate in a tour, a cooking demonstration, and lunch at Methodist Charlton Medical Center. DeWayne Pace, the Executive Chef there, spoke at Dallas County Youth Village as part of our Guest Speaker Program. Mr. Pace will use this field trip to show possible career opportunities to some of our residents.



Volunteer Recruiting

We had a great day at Southern Methodist University! There was a lot of student interest in The Youth Village Foundation, our young men and our programs. Most volunteers want to help with tutoring but some have other volunteer competencies. One of our young men, Joseph, went to SMU with Executive Director Jerry Silhan and Board Member Harryette Ehrhardt. He was a great help and did an excellent job selling our programs. Joseph is a graduate of our Food Management Program and our Computer Program. We met many current and future community partners at SMU.



The P.R.E.P. dog training program will begin again in August. Our partner, Canine Dimensions, will run the program for us. The program will run every four weeks. The first three weeks of each program will include five days of dog training with eight young men and four dogs. The fourth week will be for evaluating dogs for the next class. The program will run 10 to 11 months a year. Juan Faura spoke to the young men at Dallas County Youth Village in July as part of our Guest Speaker Program. His talk was about his life, dogs, and the upcoming P.R.E.P. program.

P.R.E.P. is an acronym for Patience, Responsibility, Empathy and Partnership. Each team of two students is assigned a dog in need of basic obedience training. Teams learn how to shape the dog's behavior by using a non-violent, positive reinforcement approach to training. The program helps the young men develop anger management, impulse control and self-discipline techniques.

Dogs benefit from the program too! P.R.E.P.'s individualized training program provides dogs with needed socialization skills that dramatically increase their chances for adoption. The P.R.E.P. dog training program has averaged a 96% successful adoption rate.

If you would like to help by donating dog leashes or other supplies to the program, contact Jerry Silhan at 214-957-7057 or email him at jsilhan@youthvillagefoundation.org.



The Youth Village Foundation extends heartfelt appreciation to our partners, donors and supporters!

If you have supported YVF in the past, please don't stop. If you have not supported our work, now is the time to help. Your support can make a big difference!

For information regarding our **Needs List**, contact Jerry Silhan at 214-957-7057 or email him at jsilhan@youthvillagefoundation.org.

A Very Special Thank You!

First Unitarian Church of Dallas: On June 7, 2009, Jerry Silhan was invited to make a presentation during two Sunday morning services at First Unitarian Church of Dallas regarding The Youth Village Foundation ("YVF"), our young men, and our programs.

As a result, YVF received the First Sunday Collection from each service! We appreciate First Unitarian Church of Dallas for selecting YVF as the beneficiary of their generosity!

"First Sunday Collection" is a program at the church through which funds are raised for worthy causes.

Special thanks is also extended to Gretchen Rhiel, who suggested that we apply. She also submitted our application to the church.

The donation from the First Sunday Collection will be used for Project S.A.V.E. (Skills Advancement for Vocation and Education), which funds instruction in vocational areas so the young men can improve their employment prospects.

Our Partners and Donors

- Birkman International, Inc.
- Canine Dimensions
- Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity
- Dallas Children's Charities
- Dallas County Juvenile Justice Department
- Dallas County Youth Village
- Dallas Master Gardeners
- Dallas Social Venture Partners
- Deloitte Consulting
- El Centro Community College
- Farmers Market Friends
- Greater Dallas Restaurant Association
- Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center
- Naval Mobile Construction (Seabees)

- Parigi Restaurant
- Patriot Paws Service Dogs
- SPCA
- Speedway Children's Charities
- TeCo Theatrical Productions
- Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service
- Texas Bar Foundation
- The North Texas Food Bank
- The Rees-Jones Foundation
- The Sparks Foundation
- The Stemmons Foundation
- Transition Resource Action Center (TRAC)
- Veterinary Association

And numerous individuals, volunteers and staff who support our mission.

Additionally, The Youth Village Foundation was a participant in DonorBridge, the highly successful fundraising event sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas in May, 2009.

Meet the Newest Members of the Board of Directors of The Youth Village Foundation



Cindi Ellis has over 25 years experience in both business-to-business and consumer advertising, branding, and public relations with multiple Fortune 500 companies. Ms. Ellis is currently employed by IBM in a global advertising role and has a bachelor's degree in advertising and public relations from Oklahoma State University. She is a volunteer with Attitudes and Attire and has been a school mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Richard Carrizales is a practicing attorney in Dallas, TX. He has been practicing law for 21 years with a concentration in the areas of Criminal Defense and Personal Injury. He also has a Masters of Science in Social Work and worked as a clinical social worker in the mental health field for eight years before attending law school. Mr. Carrizales is Mexican-American, was born in Dallas, and grew up in South Dallas. He is Past President of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas and Dallas. He has been married for 25 years and has two sons Richard (19) and Marco (14).



Fred Henley joins the board with over 15 years of service to incarcerated youth in Georgia, California and Texas. Mr. Henley started his service in Texas at the Henry Wade Detention Center in Dallas County with Chaplain Bill Stafford's A Team in 2007. He is the founder of the Georgia chapter of Straight Ahead Ministries, a national organization serving youth for over 25 years. Mr. Henley is a native of Port Arthur, Texas and is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana and Vanderbilt University School of Law. He is

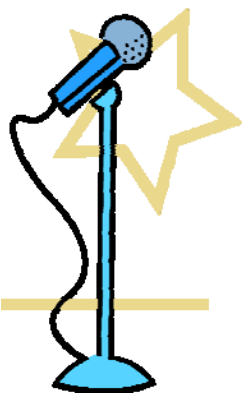
currently engaged as a management consultant to the insurance and financial services industry.

Lynn Thorby is in her first year as an active partner in Dallas Social Venture Partners and is currently serving as a resource liaison between DSVP and The Youth Village Foundation. She has had experience in strategic planning with the Wilkinson Center and is a "Hunger Ambassador" for the North Texas Food Bank. Ms. Thorby has had over 15 years experience volunteering in many facets of children's education with The Shelton School in Dallas and related institutions. She has a B.B.A. and an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University and is currently working on a Certificate in Supply Chain Management at the University of Texas at Dallas.

How does your garden grow?

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service/Dallas Master Gardeners – Horticulture Program:

The young men planted 8 Ball Squash, tomatoes (four varieties), Malabar Spinach, okra, peppers, and purple hull peas this season as part of the Dallas Master Gardeners program. These vegetables are currently ripening and many are being used in the Culinary Arts Program. Horticultural training for the young men was provided by Fred Burell, Judith Reagan, Dick Coupe, and other Master Gardener volunteers. Bill Clark tilled the field and added nitrogen fertilizer. Thanks also to the owners of Parigi Restaurant in Dallas for purchasing vegetables from the garden for use in their restaurant.



Guest Speaker Program

We invite motivational speakers to Dallas County Youth Village and the Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center. Topics range from employment and sports to spiritual development, personal development, appropriate social behaviors, and other issues which serve to inspire, motivate and guide changes in the young men's lives.

If you have an inspiring story to tell which may help the young men we serve, we would be delighted for you to share it with us. Please contact us at (214) 957-7057.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Chuck Taylor

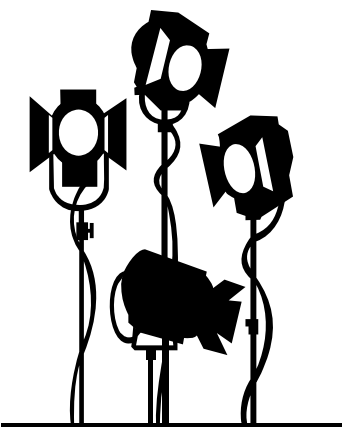
Chuck Taylor retired this year as superintendent of Dallas County Youth Village after 28 years of service there. Mr. Taylor worked with at-risk youth in residential facilities for over 30 years. He began his career as a child care worker in Harris County, TX in 1978 and was promoted to a juvenile probation officer two years later. He moved to Dallas County in 1981 and started at Dallas County Youth Village as the casework supervisor, a position he held until 2005 when he was promoted to program manager. In 2007, Mr. Taylor was promoted to superintendent of Dallas County Youth Village. He really cared about each individual young man, his staff and co-workers. Although he will be missed, we wish him all the best in retirement.

Future Speakers — Guest Speaker Program

August 27, 2009: Roger Campbell will speak at Medlock. Mr. Campbell will be speaking about his life and job opportunities in sales.

September 2, 2009: Terry Hogg will speak in the chapel at Youth Village. Mr. Hogg serves as Executive Director at Hogg Automotive Training Academy. He brings a compassion for mentoring youth, disabled, ex-offenders, and disenfranchised individuals. He is also a volunteer chaplain at Hutchins State Jail.

September 16, 2009: Brad Ellis will speak in the chapel at Youth Village. Mr. Ellis is a painter who works in encaustic, oil, acrylic and paper on board. His goal is to create stunning pieces of art that will engage the viewer and foster a dialogue that is invigorating, educational and rewarding. Mr. Ellis's artwork is included in many private and corporate collections throughout the country, including Southwest Airlines, AT&T, GTE, Neiman Marcus, Motorola, and Southwestern Bell.



Volunteer Spotlight

Tessie Freeman served nine years in the U.S. Army before moving to Dallas, TX. She has been employed at Medical City Dallas since 1984, where she serves as Office Coordinator working closely with the Associate Vice President of Neurosciences and Respiratory Care Services. Ms. Freeman is a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association which has ensured that the young men of Dallas County Youth Village are provided Christmas gifts since 2001. She is a member of Servant of Our Lord Ministries and is active in their homeless outreach programs. She also supports Carry The Light Ministries which supplies food and bibles to an orphanage in a war-torn village in Siaya, Kenya.

Volunteers enhance the overall operation of The Youth Village Foundation by providing assistance with planning, coordinating, and initiating various activities and programs. Volunteers also present educational, religious/spiritual, and informational programs for the residents and provide mentor relationships. Further community support comes through donations of various items for special events, activities and programs.

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The Youth Village Foundation ("YVF") is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), organization formed to benefit the residents of the Dallas County Youth Village and Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center in areas where Dallas County Juvenile Services is unable to fund or provide the necessary resources. Although independent of Dallas County, YVF is dedicated to helping these young men reach their law abiding potential and to diverting them from further involvement with the juvenile justice system or progression to greater offenses.

Dallas County Youth Village ("Youth Village") is a licensed 24-hour, minimum-security, residential facility for male juvenile offenders aged 10 to 17 years.

Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center ("Medlock") is a secure, post-adjudication center that provides highly structured, long-term care, and supervision for male juvenile offenders aged 13 to 17 years.

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Become a Volunteer!



Since 1971, volunteers have assisted the Dallas County Juvenile Department by donating their time and talents to serve as mentors, visitors, tutors and recreational assistants. Their efforts have made a real difference with the youth we serve and we value their contributions.

All potential volunteers for The Youth Village Foundation must submit to a rigorous screening process in order to comply with county and state requirements. Upon acceptance into the program, volunteers are given extensive training in order to complete their assigned duties in the most professional and caring manner.

If you (or your group) are interested in making a difference in the lives of the young men at Dallas County Youth Village and the Lyle B. Medlock Residential Treatment Center, you must attend a one-hour Informational Orientation held at the Juvenile Department on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm in conference room 203B (2nd floor) located at 2600 Lone Star Drive, Dallas, TX 75212.

The process will be explained in detail along with information on what it takes to be a successful Juvenile Department Volunteer.

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