

Youth For Tomorrow

Joe Gibbs Founder

New Life Center, Manassas, Virginia

Joe Gibbs, Chairman

Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO

Susan LaPierre, President Board of Trustees

A Message from the CEO

"Behold, I am making all things new."

These words, illustrating God's promise to all of us, came to mind last month as we watched 16 incredible examples of "success stories" cross the stage to collect their hard-earned high school diplomas and GEDs during Youth For Tomorrow's 30th commencement ceremony. Another 27 successfully completed our Five Phase program. And another 278 unaccompanied immigrant children were reunited with family members just since January 1st.



Each of these young people came to us completely out of options, their young lives as adolescents marred by abuse, addiction, anger, chronic truancy or life on the streets. Now they leave us as young adults: hopeful, productive, confident and ready to succeed in life.

We are so proud of these students—for meeting the challenges they faced in the classrooms, for changing their personal behavior patterns and for seeking and accepting a new way of living their lives.

There is no question God is at work at Youth For Tomorrow—in the hearts and minds of the boys and girls who come here for sure, and equally important, through the faithful support of our generous donors and in the commitment of devoted staff and volunteers.

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YFT Graduation Day!



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A Message from the CEO

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Think how far we have come because of all of you.

At a recent meeting of Youth For Tomorrow's Trustees and Advisors, our Founder and Chairman Joe Gibbs said, "I had this idea to establish a Christian group home for boys. We did – opening our doors to four boys in 1986. But what we have today is a vision that has gone way beyond what any of us could have expected 30 years ago."

Joe spoke of how one program for four boys has grown into 12 programs serving 7,844 boys, girls and their families living in crisis. Indeed, it is a remarkable story about how an idea from one man has become a vision supported by hundreds upon hundreds of donors and volunteers.

Of course, we can't stop now. There are hundreds and thousands more young people who so desperately need us – who need hope, healing and a chance at a new life. In fact, right now on campus, 114 students are hard at work in summer school; and each week 852 are benefitting from outpatient counseling and the Therapeutic Day Treatment Summer Program and the Leadership Prince William Summer Academy.

We are currently in the midst of Youth For Tomorrow's important Enduring Legacy Capital Campaign, an essential source of funding that will allow us to continue serving even more children for years to come.

Understanding that all good things "come from above," and that our faith is the foundation of everything we do, we eagerly anticipate the construction of a 360-seat Chapel on our YFT campus. The new Chapel will offer a place of peace for our children who, after lives of abandonment and abuse, are searching for hope and healing. It will provide the necessary space for important pastoral care programs, for Bible study, worship and pastoral counseling, and provide another safe place for students to reflect on their faith and their lives. Our spiritual component is led by our faithful and humble servant of God, Chaplain Denny Glusko, who has served the Lord and our children for 18 years. The Chapel will provide him his very first Pastoral Office.

Through the generous and tireless support of our Trustees and other donors, we have raised \$2.65M to meet the con-



struction costs of the Chapel. However, to meet the total funding costs of \$3.14M we need to fund a \$500,000 endowment for pastoral activities to further YFT's mission serving its children and their families. For example, we plan to offer spiritual outreach to children and families served by YFT satellite Behavioral Health offices, Bibles for each child, guest speakers, spiritual assemblies with Christian artists and a multitude of other options.

Your gift will help us fill this funding gap.

Gifts or pledges to the Chapel's endowment need to be received by October 1st so as we begin construction on this vital beacon of hope, healing and faith on campus, we will have met the final funding challenge for the Chapel. **If you haven't yet, I hope you will find it in your heart to make a gift.**

If you'd like to learn more about the Capital Campaign or make a gift, please call our Development Office at 703/396-8415 or email LJones@yftva.com.

On behalf of everyone at Youth For Tomorrow, I want to personally thank you for all you do for young people.

Together, we are setting the foundation to make all things new — for every child, when they need it most.

Gratefully,

Whatsoever you do for the least of mine, you do for me. Matthew 25:40

Graduation Ceremony – Remarks from YFT Board President, Susan LaPierre



Good morning, graduates, parents, family members, friends.
What a truly special day this is! I am so honored to be here to share it with you – especially you graduates. I am so proud of you!

As President of the Board of Trustees of Youth For Tomorrow, I lead a very special group of volunteers – business and community leaders. Together, we help make sure that the staff, buildings, resources and funds are available to support the success of every student who comes here.

And while these things are necessary, our most important job is that we care deeply about each and every one of you students. You may not have known it, but the YFT Board of Trustees has been cheering for you, praying for you, celebrating your accomplishments and wanting the very best for you – all the while you have been here.

It's amazing to think that this is our 30th high school commencement. As you graduate today, you are following in the footsteps of hundreds of young men and women just like you who have moved on from this campus to lead wonderful, successful lives.

Today, we honor and celebrate each one of you. You have done something great. I'll say that again. You have each done something very great.

You have earned a high school diploma, you have earned your G.E.D. and that is no small thing. It is a great accomplishment.

We celebrate with you, just as so many of us here have shared in your accomplishments – teachers and administrators and

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Graduation Ceremony Remarks from Susan LaPierre

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staff, house parents and counselors and mentors, and family members and friends.

They deserve their share of congratulations and thanks.

I want to take this moment to ask all Youth For Tomorrow staff to stand and be recognized.

As good as they are, and as much effort as they put forth to help you, in the end YOU did it. You are graduates. You are special. You are great.

As you move on from Youth For Tomorrow, please know that you will always be missed and always be loved. No matter where you go, no matter how far you travel, you will always be from Youth for Tomorrow and always a part of our family.

That makes you special. It means you will be loved forever, and it calls upon you to share that love in your lives. Wake up every day – every single day – and think about your great success on this campus, and find a way to show someone else the love you’ve found here. Every day.

It could be as simple as sharing a smile with an elderly person, a pat on the back to a friend or a hug for someone having a bad day.

Look around the room for a minute at your family, your friends and the YFT staff.

No matter where you go, no matter what you do, all of us will always be here for you – cheering for you; praying for you; celebrating your accomplishments; and wanting the very best for you.

And, in life, if you ever should need us, we are always here to help you, support you and make sure you never fall down.

So go from here and live greatly. Love and laugh and learn and grow. Be faithful and hopeful and loving. Be great.

I’d like to end with a Bible verse that’s from the book of Jer-



emiah; and, on the occasion of your graduation, it’s a blessing I offer for each of you.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.”

Plans for you to prosper...plans for you to have hope and a future.

May these be yours, today and always.

This is a joyful day. Graduates, we love you, and we congratulate you!

Coach Gibbs Presents Bob Wiser with YFT's Lifetime Achievement Award



Coach Gibbs presented Bob Wiser with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 27th Annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet on May 11th. Mr. Wiser received a standing ovation for his kind and generous heart, and the lives he has touched of so many children at Youth For Tomorrow over the past 20 years.

Remarks by Coach Joe Gibbs:

"I want to take just a couple of moments to tell you about my good friend and major donor to the youth home, Bob Wiser, and his long history of generous giving to YFT – it is unbelievable! Bob was either the sole donor or an essential donor in each of these YFT achievements:

- In 2000, Bob purchased 65 acres of land which has become the site for the Wiser Village for Girls.
- Between 2002 & 2007, Bob built 5 girls homes in Wiser Village – a 6th one is currently under construction and will open this fall.
- Between 2001 & 2003, Bob generously provided three major gifts to build the YFT School and one for \$1,000,000 to build the girls wing.

- In 2006, Bob established the YFT Scholarship Fund – over 120 YFT graduates have received the funds to attend colleges and vocational schools.
- His extremely generous and faithful annual giving has been essential to providing our services to children in crisis.

Now it's obvious Bob is good with numbers. Earlier, Gary mentioned a major gift for the Chapel from the Peterson Family and an additional pledge from Eleanor Hazel – Bob knew we were just shy of our Chapel construction costs of \$2.65m - just shy by \$500,000. So, what does Bob do? Last Thursday he has a check dropped off at Gary's office for – you guessed it – \$500,000!

So tonight we are able to announce that we are going to begin construction this summer of our YFT Chapel!

Bob, as an expression of our gratitude for all you have done for the Lord's mission at YFT, and for all you have done for our children, we are presenting you with a Lifetime Achievement Award!!

Thank you so much and Congratulations!

A Lesson in Entrepreneurship by History Teacher, Max Manfredo

The girls in Mr. Manfredo's first period 20th Century History class (Abrea, Deonna, Racheal, Kaitlyn, and Elizabeth) studied the "Roaring Twenties" at the beginning of their summer school session. The "Roaring Twenties" was a decade of great economic growth and widespread prosperity driven by the recovery from wartime devastation and postponed spending, a boom in construction, and the rapid growth of consumer goods and the rise of mass marketing.

As a project, they devised a mock business to help the class understand the time period and to also prepare some of the ladies for an upcoming activity regarding the creation of their own business. For a fundraiser, the class developed a business and marketing plan, producing and selling homemade pasta sauce (Max's mother's famous recipe). The objective was to learn fiscal responsibility and the challenges of starting and owning a business, as well as the importance of advertising and controlling costs in order to achieve a profit. To date, the girls have made \$376 in sales and have decided to donate all their proceeds to St. Jude's Hospital to help young children. GREAT job girls!!!



The Summer Arts Plus Program Engages Children's Imagination and Creativity

Children have an amazing ability to connect with their imagination, often more easily than adults. Kids of all ages need an outlet and the tools so their imagination can be discovered, embraced and empowered.

YFT Arts Plus camp is designed to develop self-expression in children. Self-expression is an important part of self-awareness and personal growth. Once a child has tapped into his or her imagination and been taught to explore their own creativity, they are ready to articulate their thoughts and feelings. The Arts Plus summer campers are inspired to live to their creative potential and are introduced in powerful ways to open their minds and hearts to all of life's possibilities. It helps them learn to communicate and express their ideas more clearly and easily. The 2016 Arts Plus Camp offers many art programs such as painting, music, crafting, Arts Therapy session, and fun field trips.

To facilitate self-awareness at Arts Plus camp, we are excited to introduce our new social and emotional Smart Brain Wise Heart™ e-Learning Program. The primary goal of this program is for children to learn self-regulation skills and improve their focus, motivation and decision-making as well as introducing goals and strategies for children to learn how to respond to stress in positive ways.



Benefits of HeartMath Technology

24% improvement in the ability to focus

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50% drop in fatigue

60% drop in depression



Seeing RED

Keller Williams RED Day comes to YFT for 3rd year

Red is the color of the heart, and that's exactly what a group of 60 volunteers clad in red shirts shared during their annual RED Day at Youth For Tomorrow.

On May 12, YFT Advisory Board member Audrey Shay rallied fellow colleagues from her Falls Church, Virginia, real estate office to devote a day of community service on the YFT campus. From sweeping and raking to painting and planting, every task was accomplished with enthusiasm and heart.

The company's annual RED Day (which stands for "Renew, Energize, and Donate") is an initiative dedicated to celebrating Keller Williams Realty's year-round commitment to improving local communities. Each year, on the second Thursday in May, thousands of Keller Williams associates from across the United States and Canada participate in a wide range of projects, devoting their time to renewing and revitalizing the neighborhoods in which they serve.

"I am thrilled to participate again this year!" Shay said of her



team's third year volunteering on campus. "We like to give where we live. Why do we choose to close our businesses for the day and invest our time in the community? Contribution. Giving Back. It's more than just REAL ESTATE. It makes the world a better place. We are delighted knowing that our time is well spent. We will be back again next year!"

Dr. Gary L. Jones Receives the "Vision Award"

On June 25th, at the Leadership Prince William Evening of Excellence Gala, Dr. Gary L. Jones was honored with the annual "Vision Award". Last year's recipient, the Honorable Chuck Colgan presented Dr. Jones with the award and added, *"Congratulations to my good friend, Dr. Gary Jones. He has spent a lifetime serving the youth of our nation at the federal, state and local levels. His work at Youth For Tomorrow proves the old adage 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' There are young adults across our region who owe their bright future to the dedicated work Gary has done. Gary is one of our finest community assets. He has truly dedicated his life to helping others. May God Bless him."*

The Leadership Prince William Vision Award honors an individual who lives or works in Prince William County, Manassas or Manassas Park and whose innovative, strategic and bold leadership has had a positive impact in our community and beyond.



"There is no better example of selfless service than Dr. Gary Jones. It speaks volumes that he and Youth For Tomorrow share a unified and positive vision with Leadership Prince William for the future of our community," said Mark Shaaber, Board of Regents Chairman.

A New Girls Home on the YFT Campus



HomeAid of Northern Virginia, in partnership with Toll Brothers Homebuilder, broke ground on a new girls home on the YFT campus on Thursday, May 5th. L to R: John Buhl, Buhl Electric; Jeanine Lawson, County Supervisor; Dr. Gary L. Jones, YFT CEO; Bill Gilligan, Toll Brothers; Susan LaPierre, YFT President; Jordan Hartigan, Toll Brothers; Greg Carter, HomeAid President; Randy Gillette, Toll Brothers; Barry Schwartz, HomeAid Board of Directors.



Thank You to Chuy's Chuy's Does It Again!



Pictured from L to R is Dr. Gary L. Jones, YFT CEO; Chuy's employee, Jessica Sleece; Chuy's Kitchen Manager, Jeff Sheehan; Trustee, Steven Templeton; Chuy's General Manager, Tim Clements; Chairman for the YFT Golf Tournament and Trustee, Jon Peterson; Trustee, Brit Hume; Trustee, Ron Devine; Chuy's employee, Darcy Grogan; Trustee, Vic Sellier and Trustee, Tom Shumaker.

Chuy's Tex Mex Restaurants opened a 4th location in Northern Virginia and Lance Smith, Regional Manager for Chuy's, along with his amazing management team have graciously chosen Youth For Tomorrow as their charity partner for each of their openings, donating almost \$40,000 in cash and in-kind contributions! "It is a privilege for Chuy's to give back to the communities we serve. Our founders, Mike and John, started Chuy's with the belief that we should always help the people in the neighborhoods we do business in, especially our youngest members, children," said Lance.

Chuy's served as the Dinner Sponsor for the YFT Golf Tournament and Lance and the Chuy's team will again participate at the Country Fair on October 1st, donating 100% of the proceeds to YFT. Thank you so much Lance and Chuy's!!

Asian-American Non-Profit of the Year



Youth For Tomorrow was recognized as the Non-Profit of the year by the Asian-American Chamber of Commerce in Fairfax County. Dr. Courtney Gaskins, Vice President of Programs at YFT (2nd from left) accepted the award.

A Campus in Bloom – An Army of Volunteers with BB&T's Lighthouse Project Prepares the YFT Campus for Summer

Not a wet morning nor a forecast of rainstorms could dampen the enthusiasm of volunteers from BB&T who generously donated their time on June 23 to prepare the YFT grounds for the spring and summer seasons.

Through BB&T's Lighthouse Project, which aims to be a beacon of help to the community, an army of employee volunteers planted 50 flats of flowers, 30 bushes and ornamental grasses, and six Crape Myrtle trees to beautify the YFT campus. BB&T also donated 50 Adirondack chairs, a power washer and a park bench.

The BB&T Lighthouse Project provides corporate financial support to local charities like YFT while associates roll up their sleeves and go to work landscaping, painting and more. Since the Lighthouse Project began in 2009, BB&T associates have contributed more than 385,000 volunteer hours to benefit the community.

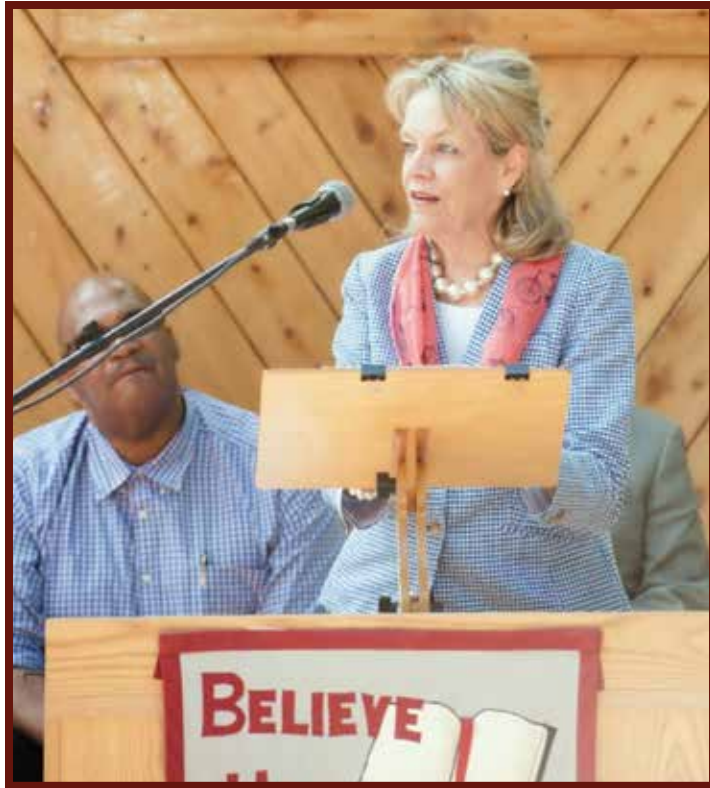
"Each year our associates vote to continue the BB&T Lighthouse Project another year," said BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Kelly S. King. "It truly is rewarding to realize that, with a little time and energy, everyone can make a difference."

A very special thank you to BB&T and also to Bill Smith of KT Enterprises, Inc., who graciously donated all the nursery stock for the project!



Prayer Service for the Healing of J. D. Gibbs

On Wednesday, June 8th, a Prayer Service was held at the David and Karen Budd Outdoor Worship Center requesting the Lord's intercession for the healing of Coach Gibbs' son, J. D. Dr. Gary Jones and his wife, Barbara, YFT Chaplain Denny Glusko and Trustee Anthony Barbour shared their thoughts and prayers.



A Prayer of Renewal and Recovery for J. D. Gibbs by Barbara Jones

Today we stand in proxy for J.D. Gibbs. A proxy is a person who is given the power of authority to do something for someone else, such as to empower another to vote or act for the signor but it is also an ally or confederate who can be relied on to speak or act on one's behalf.

Scripture gives us this power for in James 5:16 it says, "pray for one another that ye may be healed. The effective fervent pray of a righteous man availeth much." Our prayers are for J.D. Gibbs, son of Joe & Pat Gibbs, who gave his life to Christ at a young age. He has walked in your ways, honoring your word. Renew J.D. in the spirit of his mind. Quicken the connections; recharge, replace, restore, and repair. Tutor him and counsel him in the night season with the POWER of your Word, which dwells within him. Charge him and those around him with the HOPE OF CHRIST, for You are the GLORY AND THE LIFTING OF HIS HEAD. We thank You for all You are and want to accomplish in this young saint's life. If You be for him, who can be against him?



A Prayer Request for the Lords Intervention and the Healing of J. D. Gibbs from Dr. Gary L. Jones

There are moments in life that bring us unmitigated joy. There are also moments in life that bring us unexpected and unmitigated pain and suffering. In Ecclesiastes, Lord, You tell us, "There is an appointed time for everything – including a time to heal."

The Joe Gibbs family in Charlotte, North Carolina, has known countless moments of joy and exhilaration in their lives. But they would give them all up to have their 47-year-old son, J.D., return to his full health – to receive healing through the power and grace of you, Lord.

We are all vulnerable to the unexpected, the traumatic and devastating news of personal illness. Through the recent discovery of a neurological condition within J. D. Gibbs, Lord, we know that the healing within J.D. is in your control. It is you, Lord, who has the power to heal J.D.'s unfortunate health condition. Whether it is through a miracle of your own omnipotent power or through you directing his health through the brilliance of the minds of medical personnel on earth – the healings rests with you, Lord.

You know Joe and Pat Gibbs have been on their knees for nearly two years seeking answers to J.D.'s condition. We too are on our knees, Lord, asking for your intervention in correcting this neurological condition. Joe Gibbs is one of your most revered disciples among all of us on earth, Lord. He, and we, beseech you to heal the son of Joe and Pat Gibbs – bring J.D. to full recovery, Lord. Show the world once again you are the healer. That you can do what no man can do. It is only you, Lord.

I give you thanks for listening to all of our prayers today.
Amen



Thoughts and Prayers for my Dear Friend, J. D. Gibbs from Anthony Barbour

I owe my dear friend, J. D. a debt a gratitude. Most people are unaware that it was J. D. who encouraged Joe to get into racing. From that idea, Interstate Batteries became widely known after winning the Daytona 500 in only JGR's second year in NASCAR!

Joe Gibbs Racing really "took off" under JD's leadership . . . about the time Joe decided to come back as Head Coach of the Redskins.

We can all learn from J. D. and the Gibbs family. When J. D.'s son, Taylor, was diagnosed with leukemia, J. D. and Melissa never wavered from their faith.

J. D. is going through a difficult health issue now. J. D. and his family are steadfast in their faith . . . no matter the outcome. Join me in praying for a miracle, and trusting the Lord with his answer.

Dedication of The David and Karen Budd Outdoor Worship Center

There's something about the majesty and beauty of nature that always makes us feel closer to God. It's sunshine on our face and blue skies overhead, or even on rainy days seeing the world that He created. It's with that heart and spirit we envisioned an Outdoor Worship Center where our children and staff could find peace and solitude in our Lord and Savior. God saw fit to place this same vision on the hearts of David and Karen Budd, who graciously made the dream come to life. For all, it was a "labor of love" as each feature was designed and chosen to create a natural setting nestled in a wooded area on campus to be a place of worship.

On Wednesday June 8th, the David & Karen Budd Outdoor Worship Center was dedicated. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon filled with the Lord's grace and presence. YFT staff member, Charles Day, opened the ceremony with a magnificent and soulful rendition of Amazing Grace on the saxophone.

YFT Chaplain, Denny Glusko, welcomed everyone and provided the Opening Prayer. Dr. Gary Jones followed by sharing his vision and joyfulness in the completion of the outdoor sanctuary. Karen Budd, YFT Advisory Board member, provided her most heartfelt thanks to YFT and staff for their tireless work on such an amazing and beautiful outdoor place to worship.

Karen continued the dedication by expressing God's glory and grace. She questioned how everything could have possibly come together so perfectly for life on Earth to exist, with the answer being, only God could have made this happen. Her remarks coincided perfectly with the wind blowing through the trees, and the sun moving behind the clouds, as if to give life to her words. Carl Street, Director of Behavioral Health Services, culminated the service by offering a Prayer



of Dedication, that The David & Karen Budd Outdoor Worship Center would be a place to seek Christ and to worship Him.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

A very special **THANK YOU** to John Ennis and Kevin Cole of Ennis Electric Company for their in-kind contribution of the electrical and lighting components as well as installation.

Thank you!!



Golf Tournament

Blue skies and cool temperatures make a perfect day to play golf! Fun was had by all at the Youth For Tomorrow 20th Classic Golf Tournament held at Westfield Golf Club! THANK YOU to Jon Peterson of the Peterson Companies for serving as The Chairman for the YFT Classic Golf Tournament for the past 13 years, and a very special THANK YOU to Viviana Villavicencio and the Peterson Team for all your hard work in bringing this tournament together.



Trustee Steve Templeton watching as Kim Hume focuses on her swing.



Jon Peterson of the Peterson Companies, and YFT Trustee.



Tom Shumaker, Sr. VP for Holder Construction Group and YFT Trustee (3rd from the left) was an Eagle Sponsor for the tournament.



Each year the golf tournament includes the Mega-Putt Putting Contest. Each player has an identifying marked golf ball. On the count of three each of the participants make their putt in hope their ball drops in the cup. As you can imagine, it is like pinball and truly no putting skills needed.



Brit Hume comments before awards are announced.



Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant once again sponsored the dinner.



Trustee Ron Devine studies the hole before setting up his swing.



Mustang offered by Ted Britt Ford as a prize for making a hole-in-one on the 3rd tee. No winners.



Bill Lagos, Mark Wishner, Rick Wrobel and Bill Hanley.



The Chuy's Tex-Mex crew serving their delicious nachos between tees 2 and 5.



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A YFT Resident Shares Her Story at the Burgundy & Gold

YFT Board President, Susan LaPierre, introduced Holly to share her life story prior to coming to YFT at the Burgundy & Gold with the following:

“Think about that word, “home” . . . home for your children . . . because that’s the key to EVERYTHING.

Your children are blessed with a good home . . . a safe place where they know they are loved and cared for . . . where they can learn and grow, make mistakes and succeed, and always within a loving atmosphere.

Think about the things our children take for granted – a bed . . . a hot supper . . . a pair of shoes.

That’s home. That is what Youth for Tomorrow, above all else, really boils down to – somewhere for a child who, without us, would have nowhere . . . no place . . . no chance at all.

HOME – for every child who finds their way to our door . . . even for a girl from as far away as Afghanistan.

To really know Youth for Tomorrow, all you have to do is hear her . . . open your hearts and embrace her tremendous courage . . . and her inspirational success.

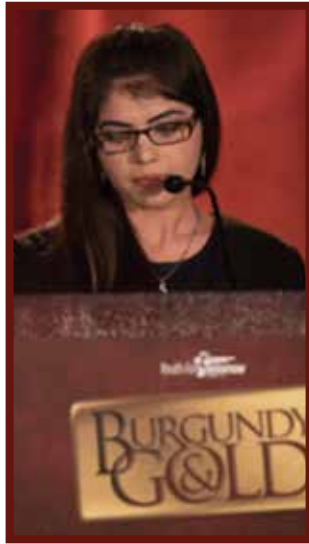
She is Youth for Tomorrow . . . and she is beautiful.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please give a loving welcome to Holly Yaar.”

Holly’s Story

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. My name is Holly and I am originally from Kabul, Afghanistan. I grew up where Al Qaida and the Taliban are not just news stories, but are real and bring people daily fears. Afghanistan has the worst record in the world in how they treat women – especially young girls.

When I was 16, my mother told me I had to marry a man who lived in California. You see – in my native country – a girl has no say in who she marries. When I arrived in California 15 months ago, I spoke no English, I was alone, and I was very afraid. This man took me to his home for his selfish pleasures. He wanted to have sex. I told him NO! But he forced himself on me. After just one week together, he told me that I was not a good wife. He sent me back to Afghanistan. I was REALLY afraid. In the Afghani



culture, my family would think I had dishonored them and that I must be killed. This is called an HONOR KILLING. For me it would be my brother and male cousin who would stone me to death. They met me at the Kabul airport and were so angry – they kicked me, choked me, and beat me over and over again.

To save my life, my mom sold all of her jewelry and bought me a one-way ticket to Dulles Airport in America. When I arrived I discovered that my passport had been stolen. The police arrested me and I was in held in jail.

Three days later my terrible life was about to change. I began to live a dream! You see, some nice ladies came to the jail and told me they were going to take me to a safe place where no one could hurt me – Youth For Tomorrow. You will receive good food, nice clothes, a safe place to live, and especially love and respect. I just couldn’t believe it.

At Youth For Tomorrow I was free to walk outside and talk and laugh with other girls and boys with no fear of someone hurting me because I was a girl. I also received counseling for my traumatic experiences, This would never have happened back in Afghanistan. I received all of this at Youth For Tomorrow, even though I came without anybody providing any funding for me.

Then one day, my Youth For Tomorrow case manager came to me and asked “would you like to have an American mother and father?” I was speechless. Soon my case manager asked me to come to the YFT library. There they were – my new mom and dad! The three of us hugged even before we said one word. I was speechless – again.

Youth For Tomorrow has given me an American family for the past 10 months, provided me a college scholarship and I am now learning English. I am attending Reston Bible Church with my American mother and father. All because of YFT – and you wonderful people. There is nothing like Youth For Tomorrow in my country. There is no one like you folks here tonight in my country.

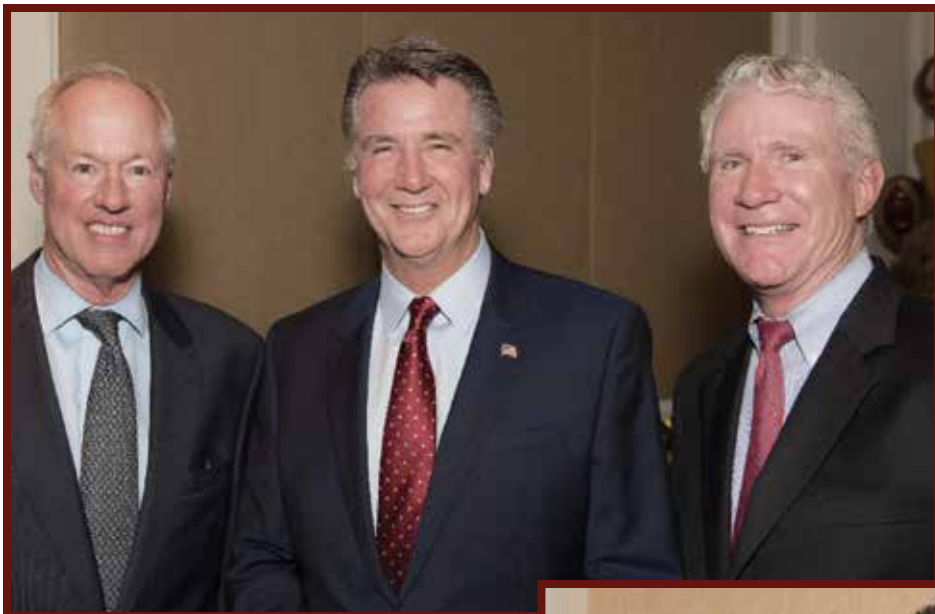
At YFT I met so many other boys and girls who have endured their own horrible abuses, were homeless, have been rejected, hurt, and afraid. But they – like me – found a home at YFT – staff who love each of us – unconditionally.

This wonderful place called Youth For Tomorrow was used by God to change my life – and theirs – forever.

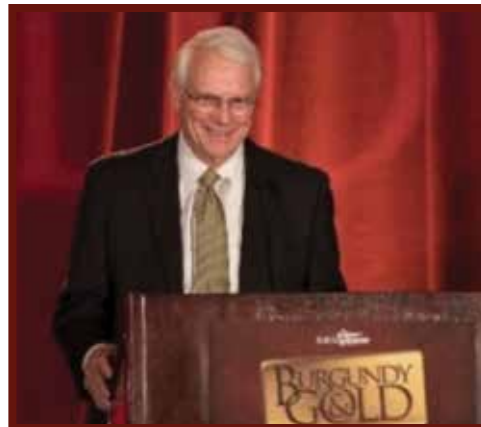
Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for making it possible for YFT to come to our rescue – you are our life savers

Thank you all so much!

27th Annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet



Paul Ryan, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel at Clark Construction, President of the Washington Redskins, Bruce Allen, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at Clark Construction and YFT Trustee Frank Baltz enjoying conversation during the reception.



Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO of Youth For Tomorrow, welcomed and thanked the event sponsors for their generous hearts and supporting the boys and girls at Youth For Tomorrow.



Washington Redskins rookie and number one draft pick Josh Doctson, with his fellow rookies, Kendall Fuller & Su'a Cravens were able to learn some valuable tips from Howie Long (center).



Eleanor Hazel and Bob Wiser were able to share a special moment with Coach Gibbs before the Banquet.



Bob Wiser was honored for his generous and gracious heart for the boys and girls at Youth For Tomorrow and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Coach Gibbs. (see story page 5)



Washington Redskins tackle Morgan Moses was the recipient of the 2015 Redskins Courage Award. Pictured from L to R are Brett Dickinson, Executive Director for the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation, Redskins Head Coach Jay Gruden, Morgan Moses, General Manager Scot McCloughan, and Coach Joe Gibbs.



Susan LaPierre, YFT Board of Trustees President, introduced former YFT resident Holly, who bravely shared her testimony with our esteemed guests.



Nick Parreco, one of the first four boys at YFT when we opened our doors in 1986, surprised Coach Gibbs at the Burgundy & Gold with a simple thank-you for the lasting impact he had on his life 30 years later. Nick shared stories of the early years including visiting Mr. William A. Hazel at his office and was totally enamored with construction and land development and followed in this profession.



Kirk Cousins received the Quarterback Club of Washington, "Redskin Player of the Year" award presented at the Burgundy & Gold. Pictured from L to R, Redskins General Manager, Scot McCloughan, Head Coach Jay Gruden, Quarterback, Kirk Cousins, Joe Gibbs, and Redskins President, Bruce Allen. Bob Geoghan, Founder and President of the historic and prestigious QBC of Washington donated the rights to the award to YFT.

Larry Michael, "Voice of the Redskins" & YFT Trustee, sat down with featured speaker Howie Long & Coach Gibbs for a moderated discussion about life experiences and football.



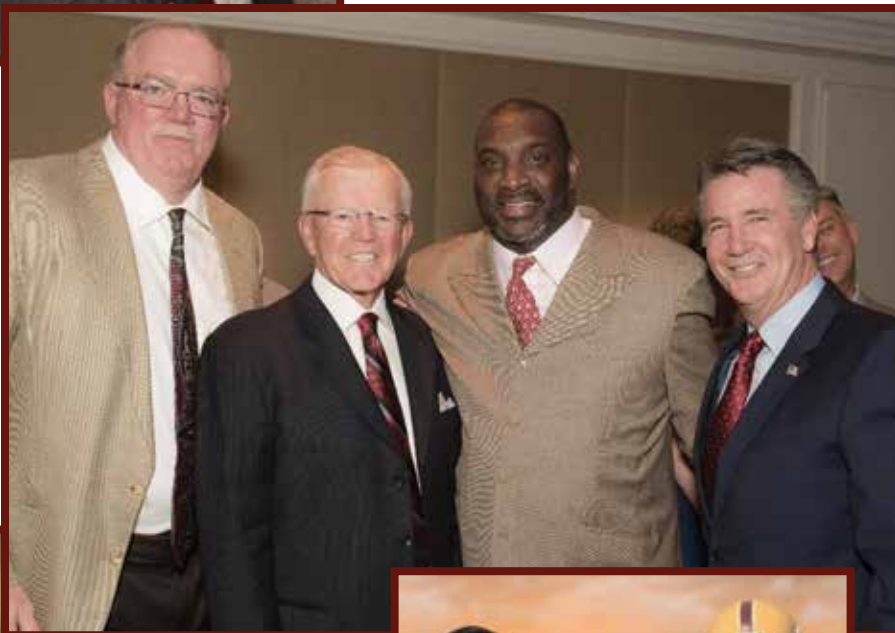
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Taylor Chess, President of Retail at Peterson Companies and YFT Trustee, enjoyed hearing Coach Joe Gibbs and NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer and Fox Sports Analyst, Howie Long share old football stories from their earlier years.



Master of Ceremonies, Larry Michael, Sr. VP of the Washington Redskins and YFT Trustee commenced the evening by welcoming everyone to the 27th Annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet.



Old teammates were reunited for the evening when famed left tackle Joe Jacoby and Super Bowl XXII MVP Doug Williams reminisced about the Redskins glory days with Coach Gibbs and Redskins President Bruce Allen.



Coach Gibbs took a moment to thank longtime friend Cecil Pruitt, for his generous and faithful support of Youth For Tomorrow and his generous contribution that evening for the "Fund for the Unfunded" appeal.



Having fun in our photo booth and channeling their inner Redskin!



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