

Youth For Tomorrow

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Congratulations to Our Graduates! YFT Graduation and Awards Ceremony



Graduation is certainly a special milestone. It is an especially significant accomplishment for the children at Youth For Tomorrow. Children come to YFT struggling with behavioral issues, failing in school and having given up in their classwork. Through a personalized approach and small class sizes at YFT, these children learn to overcome their struggles and the majority of children complete their coursework successfully.

On June 12th, families and friends of YFT graduates, along with members of the Board of Trustees, excitedly filled the auditorium for this year's commencement ceremony.

Students actively participated in the ceremony. Brandon, a high school graduate welcomed the guests and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dezmond provided the invocation. What an accomplishment for these students to confidently address a crowd of more than 200 guests!

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A Message from the CEO



As we walk through our journey of life, our daily walk is met with challenges, opportunities and distractions. There are times when we may lose sight of the Lord's direction for our lives. There are all too frequent occasions when we become vulnerable to our own weaknesses and succumb to words and actions that are unbecoming if not actually the antithesis of a Christian walk.

We must manifest within ourselves a standard of conduct that exemplifies the Lord's grace and wisdom in all our relationships – personal and professional. Recently, I came across a prayer, author unknown, which lucidly spells out the elements of a Christian character we model to our children. I shared the prayer as a message to our graduates and staff at our recent 28th Graduation and Awards Ceremony. I offer it to you, donors and volunteers of Youth For Tomorrow. Perhaps it will edify your thoughts and guidance with your walk with the Lord as it has mine.

Directions to Our Father's House

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd.

Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.

There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith,

Which is over troubled water.

When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.

You are on the King's Highway – Heavenbound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father,

One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.

Then exit off onto Grace Boulevard.

From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.

Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.

As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave.

Also, avoid SIN STREET, because it is a DEAD END.

Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane,

Persecution Boulevard and Trials and Tribulations Ave.

But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead! Amen



Whatsoever you do for the least of mine, brothers & sisters, you do for me. (Matthew 25:40)

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Two girls powerfully and bravely shared their testimonies. Gabi, who was named Valedictorian for her graduating class, shared how she had been abused by family members and made her rounds through foster care since she was 11 years old. Gabi describes, "People who don't want help won't change. I didn't want anyone's help – I didn't want anyone's advice or love – I wanted nothing but what I thought I needed, which was freedom."

Gabi continued to rebel and was placed in home after home. Until she reached Youth For Tomorrow. "Becoming a resident at YFT has been life changing. I could not be more thankful. I love the program and Joe Gibbs, for being such a creative man to build this place. Gabi continues, "I came to YFT thinking I didn't need help. I wasn't here for the same reason as other residents, but then I realized we all need the same thing. We need shelter, people to protect and guide us – and we need love. That's what YFT has provided for me."

"I have been accepted to Valley Forge Christian College and have been awarded a \$40,000, 4 year scholarship from YFT! I have also received an Academic and Athletic scholarship from Valley Forge and I am playing volleyball for their school. Here I was, worried that coming to Youth for Tomorrow would not help me accomplish the goals I worked hard to establish. But only in God's time, YFT truly blessed me and my future. I have to say thanks again to everyone who supported the students at Youth for Tomorrow and we are all blessed to have you in our lives."

A former YFT resident (2004), Gabriela also shared her story at Graduation. She did not want to come to YFT and even ran away several times. She left YFT with the same mentality. Shortly after, she became pregnant and reality hit her. She knew she needed to change, not only for herself, but now for her unborn child. Gabriela successfully earned her GED and went on to college. She received an Associate's Degree through Northern Virginia Community College. Gabriela has been awarded a scholarship through Youth For Tomorrow and will continue her education at George Mason

University in the fall, majoring in Philosophy & Law. She aspires to become an attorney.

Gabriela shared, "YFT was a blessing in disguise; I did not realize how important this foundation of constant love, encouragement and support would be in helping me face difficult situations in the world. This is not the end, but rather, the beginning."

What remarkable young ladies! We are so proud of what they have accomplished and wish them God's richest blessings on their journey ahead.

Residents at Youth For Tomorrow demonstrate their progress and achievements in the YFT program by progressing through the YFT Phase System. When a resident feels that they have demonstrated adequate preparation to move onto the next Phase, an application is made to the Evaluation Team. As residents achieve higher Phases, additional privileges and responsibilities are earned. The YFT Phase System consists of:

- Phase 1 – Orientation
- Phase 2 – Behavior
- Phase 3 – Self-Awareness
- Phase 4 – Responsibility and Relationships
- Phase 5 – Leadership

Finally, we recognized students who went above and beyond during their time at YFT:

- Spiritual Leadership Award – Given to a student who loves the Lord and regularly reads her Bible. She mirrors God's love to everyone she meets. She loves going to church and is a true believer in our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- Citizenship Award – Given to a student who is always ready to help others. He plays fair, respects authority and treats others with respect.
- About-Face Award – Given to a young resident who struggled with many behavioral issues when he first arrived at YFT. He has turned his life around and now has a positive attitude. He's smart, friendly and loves interacting with others.
- Peer Leadership Award – Given to a resident who demonstrates a positive attitude in all she does. She follows staff direction, demonstrates leadership with peers, and does what is asked of her in a calm demeanor. She also gently encourages her peers.

Our graduates are attending colleges such as Northern Virginia Community College, Valley Forge Christian College, Germanna Community College and more. They aspire to become missionaries, lawyers, nurses, social workers or to work in law enforcement.

Thank you for generously supporting Youth For Tomorrow. You are having a direct impact on these young lives. Because of you, these students were able to receive the help they needed to redirect their lives both academically and behaviorally. Thank you so much!

Youth For Tomorrow Helps Families Find Solutions to Stay Together

Sean and Keri are brother and sister who came to YFT late in 2013. The family circumstances were dire. They were homeless and their father was sick. Their story is common as people fall through the cracks in American society and one trouble builds on another until the situation becomes a crisis.

Keri explains "We were homeless, all we really had was each other. My dad was really sick. He was in and out of the hospital a lot."

When Keri arrived at YFT, she was six months pregnant. She went into the "Mommy and Me" program where she could continue to go to school, receive the prenatal health care she needed and learn the parenting skills she would need to care for her baby. Winter was fast approaching and shelter was a concern for this 16 year old girl.

Leaving her parents suddenly and coming to YFT was tough. Keri struggled at first. "It was really hard. All I wanted to do was cry and stay in my room. But then it popped in my head that I had to be strong and think about the baby now. It was hard, it hurt. I had never been away from my parents before. I didn't really care where we were as long as I was with my mom and dad.

"I wasn't ready to be a mom. I was 16 and I had my whole life ahead of me. But then I started feeling my baby move. I feel like the Mommy and Me program has taught me a lot and the day that I gave birth to my son that's when I was ready to be a mom and reality hit me – that he's mine. He has made me want to focus on school, made me want to go somewhere in life."

In the meantime, Sean went to stay with his older sister. "This was supposed to help me, it was supposed to be like a new start, but really I was worse. I was hanging out with older people, doing things

I shouldn't have been doing, they let me do whatever I wanted. It was a worse situation than before. "

A couple months later, Sean came to YFT, too. He was struggling in school, angry and troubled.

Sean has come a long way not only personally but academically. "School has changed at YFT. My grades have gone up and I have the highest grade point average I have ever had at YFT. Even though I kept getting into trouble before, I had okay grades. But now, I have great grades! The classes are smaller, it is easier to focus, and the teachers are there to help when me when I need it. It's just that simple."

Keri says all she cared about was boys and paid no attention to her school work. Things are different after going to school at YFT. She says, "I came to YFT and my GPA went up. I have almost a 4.0. I have great grades. I came as a sophomore and am leaving as a senior. I wouldn't be able to do it without YFT."

Keri and Sean are leaving YFT with new life skills, back on track with their education, some new possessions and knowing YFT is always here for them. Aside from the immediate things that YFT does for children, there are things that last a lifetime. So many kids return to YFT as adults and tell us that the love and care they received at YFT gave them a foundation of strength to draw on as they grew up. Even though some temporarily lose their way, they have known what it is to be loved and cared for and they have that wellspring to draw on when times get tough.

Sean says he will leave YFT with many nice things including shoes, nicer clothes and his first watch. Keri nudges her brother to remind him of his new suit. Sean says he has never worn a suit before and Keri smiles and says, "He looks good in it too!" It's a tender moment that provides insight into how little these kids have had in the way of basic possessions in their lives. After briefly touching on the material things, Sean says he will leave with many friends.

Keri says she will leave with many strengths and parenting skills she has learned, and the important relationships she has made with staff and other students. She also says she will leave with things. Keri says "I will leave here with stuff, and also know if I need someone to talk to, I can call YFT anytime for help. The biggest thing I am leaving here with is my son."

The family is closer than they have ever been before. Keri says, "We loved each other but things went too far. We screamed and fought. But now when we get upset we give each other a chance to walk away and then we talk."

Sean says, "We used to fight like cats and dogs. But, it's totally different now." He smiles and says, "There are lots of hugs and kisses."





Keri agrees, "Now we are brother and sister like we used to be. We go outside together, sit on the porch and do things together."

The kids' faces are filled with hope as they talk about the future. Keri tells, "When we went to court to be able to go back home, I just looked at my dad and I could see how happy he was. He looked at me and my baby, Patrick and I just knew that God was with us and things were going to keep going forward. We have come a long way and it's brought our family really close."

Sean's eyes are bright as he says, "Now me and my sister, my granddad, my dad, my mom and Patrick are all going to be one big happy family."

When you look into their beautiful faces and see their open, loving hearts, you can be sure that the work we are doing at YFT truly saves and changes lives.

Youth For Tomorrow Staff Provides Community Support Following Teen Suicides in Fairfax

Jack Chen, a sophomore at Woodson High School in Fairfax, had a 4.3 GPA, was captain of the junior varsity football team and had never tried drugs or alcohol, but on February 26, the 15-year old took his own life by stepping in front of an oncoming commuter train. Even in hindsight, Jack's friends and family could cite no sign of the young man's inner turmoil that had driven him to this tragic act. To those close to him, he seemed like a happy, well-adjusted teen.*

Jack Chen is one of six apparent suicides at Woodson in the last three years, one of two in just 48 hours last February. Authorities do not believe any of the six are directly related, but sadly, such "clustering" of suicides is not uncommon. The previous month, two students at nearby Langley High School also committed suicide within 48 hours of each other. In the wake of these tragedies, the Fairfax County School leadership was anxious to offer support, and specifically intervention strategies, to members of the community.

Youth For Tomorrow Therapist Natalia Becker, MA was selected by the County to lead two sessions for parents, students, educators, church leaders and others in the community who wanted to help. Ms. Becker's program, titled "Silence No More: Signs and Symptoms of Suicidality with an Emphasis on Survivors of Suicides," identified the risks and warning signs for suicide in everyday people. Tragically, suicide is the third leading cause of death for young adults ages 15 to 24, and the risk is greatest for those who have lost someone to suicide, a "survivor of suicide."

In the May 17 program, Ms. Becker dispelled many of the popular myths about suicide for the group. Most notably, she said that it was not just "crazy" people who commit suicide. All types of people are vulnerable to the pressures that lead to an attempted suicide. Another myth dispelled, if a person talks about suicide they are more, not less, likely to take that step. The meetings were cathartic for the community. "The professionals – the teachers and principals – in the audience asked good questions, but afterwards, the students and parents were lined up to express how much the program had touched them," said Ms. Becker. "There were many tears and hugs. They were moved just to have a chance to talk about what they were going through as survivors."

"YFT was glad we were able to partner with NOVACO and Fairfax County to offer this program," said Director of Clinical Services Terry Tinsley, Ph.D. "Reaching out to children and families in our community who are hurting and in need of support – whether in a time of crisis or in dealing with longer-term behavioral and emotional issues – is the focus of YFT's Behavioral Health Service Program." In the first half of 2014, YFT has served over 800 children and families from Northern Virginia through its Behavioral Health outreach.

"It breaks your heart to hear the stories of the young people who took their own lives," says Ms. Becker, "but the tragedy would be even greater if we didn't step in to support the 'survivors.' I'm grateful that YFT is in the community to serve our community."

“Cases for Kids” Project

When children arrive at Youth For Tomorrow, they often arrive owning only the clothes on their backs. Through your generosity, the children are given clothing, shoes and other possessions to call their own. When they successfully graduate, YFT residents take these possessions with them as they depart. However, their belongings are packed into trash bags.

Derrick Riggins, Director of Community Government Relations at YFT, can relate to the children as he went through the foster system himself. Derrick can attest the children are most thankful for everything they receive at YFT, but is sensitive to the negative connotation of packing belongings into trash bags.

Derrick has begun gathering suitcases for residents departing YFT. We have partnered with the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys and the Giving Circle at Heritage Hunt. We have already collected over 15 suitcases!

If you have new or used (in good condition) suitcases, please consider donating them to YFT to distribute to residents as they depart. Having a suitcase to carry possessions may seem trivial to us, but it shows the children they matter – they are going home with a changed life and a sense of belonging.



Love Jones Receives the “Making A Difference Award” from VAISEF

At the Spring Conference of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities, YFT’s Director of Special Events, Ms. Love Jones, received the Annual “Making A Difference Award” for her outstanding performance serving the children of Youth For Tomorrow -- a VAISEF organization.

In presenting the award, VAISEF President Ron Spears recognized Love’s eight years in creating and executing the major fundraising events at YFT and giving special acknowledgment to her seven years as a volunteer to YFT which preceded her appointment to the Development Office staff. Mr. Spears also remarked how Love’s commitment to the children of YFT includes organizing a Thanksgiving Celebration, spearheading a Community Service Month during the post-Thanksgiving through the Christmas Holiday Season, coordinating marketing efforts for the expansion of enrollment in the Behavioral Health Services programs and developing a celebration for the first annual Therapeutic Day Treatment Recognition Awards program to children in the TDT summer program.

VAISEF is YFT’s State accrediting organization and represents over 70 residential treatment facilities and day schools throughout the Commonwealth.



VAISEF President, Ron Spears presents the “Making a Difference Award” to Love Jones, Director of Special Events.

Change Lives for Generations to Come!

You can make a difference in the life of a child even years into the future by including YFT in your estate plans today. Simply by adding YFT to your will, you will make it possible for children like Gabi, Sean or Kerry to turn their life around. You will be making sure that these children always have a place to turn for help.

For more information, contact David Cooper at 703-659-9890 or at dcooper@yftva.com.

Dr. Jones Receives the Leadership Prince William Chairman's Engagement Award

Dr. Gary Jones of Youth For Tomorrow received the Chairman's Engagement Award, which recognizes an individual or organization which has made a tremendous difference during the chairman's year in office. Leadership Prince William Chairman Jason Hickman presented this year's award to Dr. Jones. "Dr. Jones' support for Leadership Prince William has been invaluable to our organization over the past year. He has supported Leadership Prince William in many ways, all of which have advanced our mission to create stronger leaders and a stronger community. In just one example, Dr. Jones and the Youth For Tomorrow team have made it possible for us to take our youth program from an ambitious idea to reality in just one year. The Chairman's Engagement Award is one small way we can express our gratitude to Dr. Jones and Youth For Tomorrow. "

Kathy Bentz, Executive Director for LPW added, "During the past year, Youth For Tomorrow has provided funds to help start a youth leadership initiative, sponsored the organization's gala, hosted multiple Leadership Prince William programs at their facility in Bristow, agreed to be the host site for our two-week summer youth camp, serves on our Board of Regents and much more. Dr. Jones and his team did all of this while operating one of the most vital non-profit organizations in our region."



Youth For Tomorrow Awarded AdvancED Accreditation

Youth For Tomorrow Secondary School was recently awarded accreditation for the AdvancED Accreditation Commission. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools, and designed primarily to distinguish school adhering to a set of educational standards. AdvancED was created through a 2006 merger of the PreK-12 divisions of the North Central Association (NCA) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)—and expanded through the 2011 acquisition of the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC).

Our accreditation is for a five-year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term. This is a rigorous process that examines the entire organization to determine how well everyone works together to meet the needs of the students. The process involves three ongoing components:

1. Meeting high quality standards;
2. Implementing a continuous process of improvement; and
3. Engaging in quality assurance through and internal and external review.

School Improvement, Technology, Data, and Professional Learning Community committees were formed to conduct an Internal

Review. Committee members consisted of leadership, teachers, administration, and stakeholders. During the Internal Review process, strengths and areas of improvements were cited. One area of improvement included the use of technology. As a result, tablets were purchased for each student and teachers received laptops and Promethean Boards for each classroom.

An External Review Team, consisting of professional peers, provided an analysis and evaluation of our program as well as valuable feedback and direction for improvement. The site visit included touring the school, looking at standardized test data, reviewing the website and interviewing various members of the school community. One team member stated, "School leaders, teachers, and support staff are deeply committed to supporting the academic, emotional, and spiritual growth of all students.

With this Accreditation, Youth For Tomorrow is nationally recognized as a school of high quality. We congratulate our dedicated professional staff for their commitment to excellence in our school!



Honoring Coach Joe Gibbs with a “Lifetime Achievement Award” at the 2014 Burgundy & Gold



Over 900 guests gathered for a memorable evening to honor Coach Joe Gibbs with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 25th Annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet. The tribute to Coach Gibbs recognized his many accomplishments as the legendary Redskins Head Coach, owner of three Championship NASCAR teams, an inspirational spiritual leader and bestselling author, as well as YFT's Founder and Chairman.

Under the leadership of Marc Andersen, International Government and Public Sector Manager for Ernst & Young and Chairman for the event, the event reached its revenue goal of \$1.5M.

There were many highlights that evening which included the appearance of featured speaker Jon Gruden and his brother Jay, Head Coach of the Redskins. Larry Michael, once again served as Master of Ceremonies and was instrumental in arranging the first ever photo of the 3 Super Bowl MVPs, Mark Rypien, John Riggins and Doug Williams with winning Coach Gibbs! An additional highlight included a group photo of all the Redskins in attendance with Coach Gibbs.





Robert Griffin III was named the Ed Block Courage Award recipient for 2013 and was honored at the Burgundy & Gold Banquet. The Redskins Courage House is located on the YFT campus.



Burke O'Malley handing the keys to a new Mazda CX5 which he generously donated to Youth For Tomorrow if the appeal bid at the Burgundy & Gold Banquet raised \$100,000!! Our generous guests that evening raised their paddles for a total of \$196,000 and was then MATCHED by Dan and Tanya Snyder. Thank you so very much to our guests and the Snyders!



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and Gary Murphy



Winners of 2nd place Net – LF Jennings
Wes Mountain, Kevin Nearpass and Mike Killalea



Winners of 1st Place Gross – Keel Point
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We are so grateful for the tremendous support from private sector donors. You make it possible for Youth For Tomorrow to impact the lives of thousands of children and families!

Have you attended an event at YFT and bid on sporting event or theatre tickets, an autographed football or jersey, or even a wheelbarrow or snow blower in the Silent Auction? Perhaps you've raised your paddle in the Live Auction to bid on an exotic getaway, Super Bowl tickets, flowers for a year, or tickets to the Country Music Awards?

We certainly thank you for bidding on these items! There's another way you can participate...

Have you ever considered donating an item to YFT's silent or live auctions? Do you own a timeshare property? Have you accrued frequent flyer mileage or hotel reward points? Do you work for a company or have a relationship with a store or service provider that may have items.

Would you be willing to donate any of these to benefit the children of Youth For Tomorrow at an auction?

Our 29th Annual Country Fair & Auctions is coming up on Saturday, October 4th. We are currently collecting donations to be auctioned at this event.

In the Silent Auction we include items in categories such as Kids Corner, Holiday, Redskins and Sports, Art & Entertainment and Home and Garden. Typically silent auction items range from \$25-\$1,000 in value. Below are a few ideas of types of items we need:


- Theatre or concert tickets
- Home Décor items
- Cooking classes or kitchen items including small appliances, cookware, etc.
- Designer handbags, scarves, jewelry (new)
- Gift certificates for spa services or restaurant dining certificates
- Weekend stay at a resort or B&B
- TV, iPad or other electronics (new)
- Autographed jersey or other sports memorabilia or equipment
- Tickets to any MLB, NFL, NHL or other professional game
- Themed gift baskets

If you are interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction, please contact Love Jones, Director of Special Events at Youth For Tomorrow (703-396-8415 or ljones@yftva.com).

The Live Auction includes an array of items and "once in a lifetime" experiences. Below is a list of items just to give you an idea of selections offered in the Live Auction.

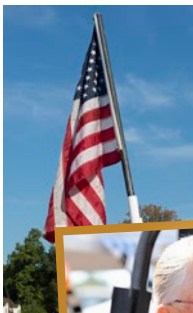
- Cruise certificates
- Suite at a Redskins game
- Disney or Universal passes
- NASCAR race tickets and pit passes
- Lunch, dinner or golf with a political or sport figure
- One-week stay at a beach house or condo
- Suite to a game/concert at Verizon Center or FedEx Field
- Tickets to an exclusive event (i.e. Super Bowl, CMAs, Masters, live TV broadcast)

If you are interested in donating an item for the Live Auction, please contact Krysti Lloyd at Youth For Tomorrow (703-396-6728; klloyd@yftva.com).





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Youth For Tomorrow was founded in 1986 by Joe Gibbs and other community leaders.

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May 13: 26th Annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet
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