

“A Child’s
Bridge
from
Challenges
Today
to
Achievements
Tomorrow”

MCYS Reaches Out and Helps Kids and Their Families... The Numbers Tell the Story

Last year, over **7,000** youth received counseling services and prevention and educational information through:

- Individual and family counseling at our counseling sites
- Group and crisis counseling in the school districts
- Court-mandated groups
- Prevention presentations and handouts
- Camps for Kids
- Holiday Adopt-a-Child Project

In 2007, **88%** of youth receiving crisis intervention services were successfully reunited with their families or placed in another safe environment

In 2007, **87%** of youth and family members reported that the family situation improved due to participation in counseling services, and **84%** reported that the family situation continues to be stable and/or improved after three months of final services.

In 2007, **87** youth resided at the BridgeWay Youth Shelter; **18** youth participated in the Fairway Home Transitional Living Program; and **48** youth who had run away or were experiencing family violence received immediate crisis intervention counseling. **100%** of the Fairway Home youth who resided in the program **30** days or more gained employment. And in 2008, **four** Fairway Home youth graduated from high school with a savings account intact, and are now attending college.



Montgomery County Youth Services consists of six counseling offices in Conroe, The Woodlands, Magnolia, New Caney, Splendora and Huntsville; as well as BridgeWay Emergency Shelter and the Fairway Home. For more information, go to www.youthmc.org or call 936-756-8682.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES



Who Are We and What Do We DO?

Montgomery County Youth Services (MCYS) has been serving our local youth since 1979. From counseling a child, to providing shelter for throw-away kids, to assisting parenting teens in their new responsibilities, MCYS has been there for thousands of kids in Montgomery County.

Our MISSION:

MCYS strengthens families, and keeps youth in school and employable through crisis counseling, shelter programs and prevention services.

Our Programs:

The programs that we actively implement, free-of-charge to all of our families and kids, to achieve our mission include:

- Individual and family counseling
- Parenting classes
- The Fairway Home - transitional living program for homeless youth ages 16-18
- BridgeWay - short-term shelter for youth ages 10-17 in need of safety and structure
- Street Outreach Services - helps to meet the basic needs of homeless youth ages 10-21
- 24/7 Crisis Intervention - for runaway youth and their families, youth involved in family violence, and families in need of a "cooling off" period
- Healthy Supports - program for pregnant and parenting teens providing wellness and basic care education and prevention of further pregnancies
- Community Outreach and Education Services - including Alcohol and substance abuse education and prevention in local schools and Universal Child Abuse Prevention presentations
- Minor in Possession of Alcohol Program
- Challenge course activities at "Camp Watitumi" for all kids in our counseling and shelter care

Please use the enclosed donation envelope to make your 100% tax-deductible donation or go to www.youthmc.org/donate. In the "Comments" box please specify "Guardian Angel."

For questions regarding the Guardian Angel Annual Giving Campaign, please contact the Development Office at (281) 292-6471 x253 or development@youthmc.org.

How Does Your Donation Benefit Montgomery County?

A Donation of \$100 can provide:

- Graduation or birthday celebration for a shelter resident – card, cake and gift
- One hour of counseling at any of our sites
- Compensation for one eight-hour shift for shelter staff to ensure safety, structure and a caring environment for the residents
- Attendance of one child at Camp Watsitumi

A Donation of \$250 can provide:

- Bed-in-a-Bag, towels and sheets for a teenage boy or girl
- Hygiene supplies for one year for a teenage boy or girl (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste)
- One-season supply of clothing for a teenage boy or girl (school clothes, pajamas, under garments, jackets, shoes)
- School supplies for one year for a teenage boy or girl
- Purchase of recreational sports equipment at the shelter
- Therapeutic games and toys for counseling sites
- Reference books and DVD's for counseling sites

A Donation of \$500 can provide:

- Attendance at a local professional development seminar for one of our licensed counselors so that they can remain on the cutting edge of their professions
- One-year supply of paper products for a shelter
- One-year of cleaning supplies for a shelter
- Purchase of new pots, pans and cooking utensils at shelter
- Twice-yearly outings (summer-time and holidays) for a group of ten kids to places such as Main Event, Splashtown, museum, the movies and dinner

A Donation of \$1,000 can provide:

- Enrollment for shelter residents in extra-curricular activities such as sports, art, music, martial arts, or dance
- Purchase of new beds, dressers, couches, TV's or gameroom equipment at shelter
- One-month supply of food for shelter residents
- Consultation with a technology expert on building our database to track client outcomes



The Guardian Angel Annual Giving Campaign

The youth served by Montgomery County Youth Services are in need of a Guardian Angel. Funds raised in this campaign will support our efforts that provide free counseling, crisis intervention, shelter and outreach programs for the neglected, abused and homeless youth in Montgomery County.

Please consider participating in this campaign and serving as a "Guardian Angel" for a child in need. A full 100% of your contribution goes directly towards supporting the programs of MCYS, and your donation is 100% tax-deductible.

It is the most directly beneficial gift that you can give to MCYS. We ask that all annual gifts be presented to MCYS by December 31, 2008.

Levels of Participation:

- Cherubs - \$100 - \$999
- Seraphims - \$1,000 - \$2,499
- Archangels - \$2,500 - \$4,999
- Head Halos - \$5,000+

~ Make your Gift today to enhance the future of our children ~