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INSIDE STORIES...

May
2012

- WHO DID THE SLEEPOUT BENEFIT?
- RECAP OF THE 2011 WHEELING SLEEPOUT



Held on the James LaRosa Soccer Field
of the Wheeling Jesuit University Campus

SAVE THE DATE

NOV. 9, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS
2012:

GRAND PRIZE

2 ROUNDTRIP

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

TICKETS



Boxed-In-Design Contest

2011 Best In Show

TEAM GUMBY

Theme:

“Every man’s home is his castle”

“The outstanding number of homeless children in the Ohio Valley is disheartening to our company. This is the reason we decided to get involved the “Wheeling SleepOut”.

This idea made us work harder to make the best shelter possible with just tape and cardboard.
Lori Szerszen (Team Leader)

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WHO DID THE SLEEPOUT BENEFIT?

Marshall County Starting Points has a Teen Parenting Program at John Marshall High School.

Deanna Bobeck, who runs the program is grateful for YSS's help. "My teens definitely have opportunities they wouldn't have otherwise. Without this funding these pregnant teens would literally be homeless, with nowhere to go."

Youth Services System has provided Independent Living programs for over 30 years for older teens and young adults leaving foster care. The skills and support these programs offer are critical for youth who do not have the financial, emotional, or family help we've depended on in our own growing up or that we have extended to our own kids at this age.

Regrettably there are many youth becoming homeless or at risk of homelessness even in our local high schools who are not eligible for any state or federal subsidized help.

The Wheeling SleepOut fundraiser is our answer to their need. One hundred percent of the \$27,360 raised was directed to the immediate needs of homeless youth...an affordable place to live, furnishings,

food, clothing, school supplies, and for our pregnant soon to be parenting teens, much needed baby items.

The support and guidance from the YSS staff is our gift of time. Donations from the community to stretch every dollar raised is so much appreciated.

We all have the opportunity to make a difference in the young life of a teen and, in some cases, of an infant.

Sleeping out so kids don't have to is a sweet sacrifice.

-John Moses, Executive Director

The story below, "Sophya's Mom", is just one example of a life that has been touched because of you.

Sophya's Mom

Sophya's Mom is a 17 year old high school student and mother-to-be.



like me. Thank you! Thank you! Now I have a stable home."

Hope for My Future?

To have a healthy baby, to learn how to have a healthy relationship, and to provide a safe stable home for Sophya.

"At school, my friends say how cool it must be to have my own place. They don't have to worry about working to pay bills and going to school. Their biggest concern is what to wear to prom. I worry about being able to take care of my baby."



"Now I have a stable home."

"Before YSS came into my life, I was living in a basement, where I knew I wasn't wanted. After I was kicked out from there I would go back and forth between different family members."

"To the people who slept out to raise money to help young people

RECAP OF THE 2011 WHEELING SLEEPOUT

177 Individuals Registered online to participate
150 Individuals Participated
25 Teams
16 Boxed-In Design boxes
34 Volunteers

\$27,360.00 raised



Salvation Army Canteen was on site from 6pm to 8am
 They served the following:
727 Cups of Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Hot Tea
462 bags of snacks
156 bottles of water, soda and bottled tea

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