

## Highlights from 2007-2008

### Message in a Balloon

The AYS program at White River Elementary in Noblesville **launched balloons to celebrate Lights On! AfterSchool.** A note was attached to each balloon released, and gusty winds took care of the rest. The children received several responses, including three from Canada!



### Interns and Service-Learning Students

AYS not only affects the lives of the children and families served by the agency, but also many young adults who gain college service-learning credits or are employed through internships at AYS. These individuals have helped the children with health enrichment activities, delivered arts enrichment curriculum and provided support for children with special needs. All together, **21 interns and nine service-learning students helped children during the 2007-2008 year.** These opportunities, benefiting the children, site staff and interns, were primarily funded through grant support from The Legacy Fund, the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, the Summer Youth Program Fund and The Indianapolis Foundation.

### Tumbling & Twirling

On Monday mornings in the summer at AYS' Harcourt Early Childhood program, you could find the three to five year olds stretching, rolling on gym mats, flipping over a gymnastics bar and twirling ribbons. Jeanie Gensheimer of **Rapunzel's Gymnastics brought gymnastics enrichment to the children at no charge to AYS.** Jeanie's generosity brought skills to the children that will enhance their strength, flexibility, balance, and fine and gross motor skills.



### New Montessori Program

AYS opened its new Montessori early childhood program at First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church in Fall 2007. Based upon the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori, this program **focuses on the children's cognitive growth and development** in constructing an educational framework that respects individuality.



## The Numbers

- 2000+** Total enrollment for 2007-2008 school year
- 600+** Total enrollment for Camp AYS
- 298** Children received financial assistance
- 392** Children AYS serves who have a special need
- \$6,371** Staff contributions to the United Way campaign

## School-Age/Early Childhood Programs

### Noblesville

Forest Hill  
Hazel Dell #  
Hinkle Creek #  
Noblesville Intermediate  
Noble Crossing  
North #  
Stony Creek \*  
White River

### IPS

School #70  
School #84  
School #91 #  
School #106  
Montessori Early Childhood Program at FMHPC +

### Parochial Schools

St. Francis and Claire  
St. Luke  
St. Louis de Montfort  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
St. Maria Goretti

### North Montgomery County

Lester B. Sommer  
Pleasant Hill

### Hendricks County

Pittsboro #  
North Salem \*

### Washington Township

Allisonville  
Crooked Creek #  
Fox Hill  
Greenbriar  
Harcourt \*+  
John Strange  
Nora #  
Spring Mill  
Wyandotte \*+

### Speedway

Allison  
Wheeler  
Newby

### Decatur Township

Decatur Intermediate Learning Center  
Lynwood  
Valley Mills  
West Newton

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+ IN State Licensed

## PDC & Journey Programs

### Professional Development Center (PDC)

- 560+** Number certified in CPR and First Aid
- 180+** Attended AYS Fall Conference at Indiana Wesleyan University
- 29** Outside agencies attended various workshops

### The Journey

- 26** Journey Executive Fellows selected
- 2** Youth workers groups organized at Indiana State University and Indiana University

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## AYS, Inc. Annual Report



2007-2008



United Way agency

### Mission Statement

AYS enriches the learning and well-being of children in a safe, caring and fun environment outside of the school day.

## After-School: The Balancing Act

Dear Friends,

The 2007-2008 year began with the annual fall conference. This year's theme, *The Balancing Act*, set the tone for a year focused on balancing our professional and personal lives. This balancing act carried over into our programs, as we tempered educational activities with fun through a variety of diverse enrichment activities.



Ellen Clippinger & Tiffany Longstreth

Throughout this report you will find examples of the many opportunities offered to children in AYS programs. We continue to pursue innovative ways to balance learning and fun, giving children the chance to explore a variety of interests and gain experiences that they might not otherwise have. With the support of the community, our talented staff will continue to make an impact on the lives of Central Indiana children.

Sincerely,

Ellen Clippinger  
President and CEO

Tiffany Longstreth  
AYS Board President

### Living Yarns

Children in AYS' program at IPS #106 enjoyed two, free 10-week sessions called "Living Yarns." Led by artist Joe LaMantia, the students used yarn and other materials to **create self-portraits and portraits of a positive role model from their families.** The project was made possible, in part, by the Arts Council of Indianapolis, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.



### Healthy Kids

AYS programs in Decatur Township, Washington Township and IPS received additional support for **health enrichment activities**, thanks to a grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust. The grant has allowed AYS to employ interns from the IUPUI Solution Center to facilitate activities at certain AYS programs. They primarily used Indiana State Department of Health's Jump Kids Jump curriculum and Marion County Health Department's Kids Cook curriculum.

### Splashing Around

A grant from the PeyBack Foundation and a partnership with the Riviera Club helped AYS offer **swim lessons** to Washington Township campers. Weekly swimming has been a part of the Camp AYS schedule; however, this is the first time that swim lessons were available.



### Tutoring

The AYS program at Lynwood Elementary offered Supplemental Educational Services (SES) tutoring to any Lynwood student in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. As a result of the No Child Left Behind Act, **math and reading tutoring services** are offered by private providers. These services use research-based methods and undergo evaluation.

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**Proceeds from the Diva Fashion Extravaganza, an annual fundraising luncheon featuring a fashion show and silent auction, raised over \$9,000 for the AYS Financial Assistance fund.**

**About the AYS Financial Assistance Fund**  
 The AYS Financial Assistance Fund provides important scholarships to low-income, working families that cannot access or do not qualify for government funding. In 2007-2008, the AYS Financial Assistance Fund helped 70 children attend AYS programs.

Proceeds from the Diva Fashion Extravaganza, an annual fundraising luncheon featuring a fashion show and silent auction, raised over \$9,000 for the Fund. Clifton Gunderson LLP, FORUM Credit Union, Ice Miller, The National Bank of Indianapolis, Nefouse and Associates, Inc. and Sharp Solutions sponsored the event. Clothing and accessories for the adult models were provided by Lilly's Boutique of Zionsville, while JCPenney's outfitted the children.

*"Due to family and home life situations, (two students) would greatly benefit from our AYS after school program. They need a place that is safe and caring. They could use the academic assistance that is also offered in the program, as well. Their mother, at this time is not able to pay the full fee that is required to have her children attend. She is working to make ends meet, but needs the extra assistance in order to provide good care for her children."*

Letter from School Principal

*"Our school is requesting (financial assistance for two children) that lost their mother last week. Grandma [name omitted] is taking care of them... She needs to continue working and can not afford day care expenses for these two children...We feel this family could really use your help, to allow the grandma to keep the children and keep working."*

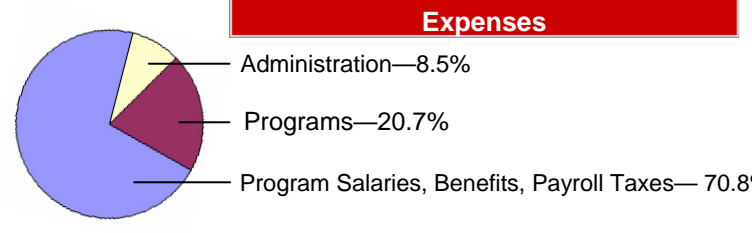
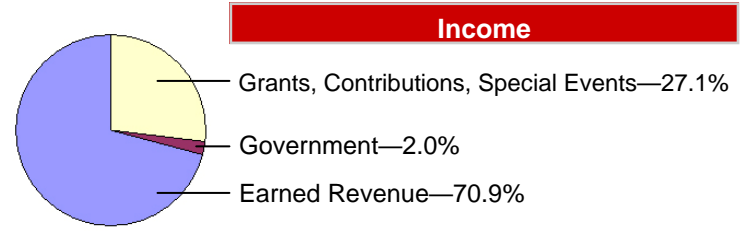
Letter from School Nurse

*"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your establishment. Since my daughter has started your program at Nora this year I have heard nothing but positive [things] from her and your staff. Your break in price has been a god-send to a divorced mother of two that receives no child support. I never thought any establishment would offer such a break. [Name omitted] has never had such good care and felt so comfortable with all of your staff..."*

Letter from Parent

# Financial Management

INCOME	
<b>Earned Revenue</b>	
Parent & Registration Fees	<b>\$3,388,727</b>
Child Care & Development Fund Vouchers	234,880
Training	24,594
LINK	5,513
Fundraising	15,932
Interest	52,707
Other Earned Revenue	55,442
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,777,795</b>
<b>Grants &amp; Contracts</b>	
Government	109,308
Foundation	1,338,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,447,928</b>
<b>Contributions &amp; Special Events</b>	
Individuals	1,525
Corporations	97,261
Special Events	5,765
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,551</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,330,274</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Youth/Child Enrichment Programs	3,611,577
Link & Professional Development Center	143,196
Journey	258,430
Fundraising	98,455
General & Administrative	383,135
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,494,793</b>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	835,481
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	962,187
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$1,797,668



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