

lifeworks

annual report
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LifeWorks in 2009

LifeWorks was established on the principle of offering a comprehensive safety net of support for youth and families struggling with counseling, education and housing challenges.

Each one of our clients is on a journey through struggles and successes. This past year, thousands of volunteers and donors

helped ensure that these youth grew up in a community that supports their ambitions and potential.

LifeWorks is committed to creating a solid foundation for clients to change their lives in ways that benefit them and our community.

The support we receive

throughout the year is critical for giving runaway and homeless youth and families in crisis the support, knowledge and skills needed to achieve self-sufficiency. This generosity sustains our efforts and helps us increase our impact in the community.

Together, we are creating an environment that fosters individ-

uals on their path to success and sending a powerful message of support to the youth and families of LifeWorks.

Thank you for being our partner.

My thanks,

Susan McDowell, Executive Director

Isarah's Story

My LifeWorks family

Hey guys. I didn't realize that talking to you would effect me in such an emotional way. Then I came to understand that you were all truly there for me when my own family wasn't. LifeWorks was my family. I came from a life of little trust in men and what their motives with me were. The men at LifeWorks were solid male role models, real dads to me. I don't think I really appreciated what you represented to me, but I thank you so much.

I've always spoken highly about LifeWorks when I am telling the story of my life. I have been across the nation (both coasts) and no program I've seen or experienced really compares. I mean, you don't JUST offer assistance and services,

you offer your hearts and you love the forgotten. I am forever grateful that I was one of those forgotten.

I've claimed throughout all of my 20's that I always wanted to go back and work for y'all. I know today that my passion is with youth restoration in many ways. I believe it was because of the impact of everything you did for me as a scared lost teenager on the streets. I want to reach youth and let them know that I was where they are and I really truly understand and get it.

“you offer your hearts & you love the forgotten”

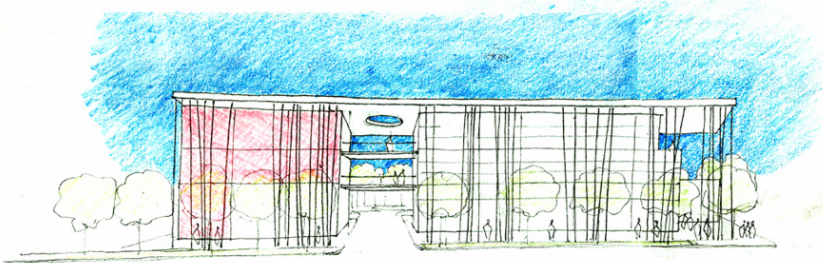
Anyway, here's a picture of me and my Bekah. I will keep you informed on *continued on page 2*



LifeWorks East Austin

YOUTH & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Breaks ground Fall 2010
at Pleasant Valley and Lyons
(adjacent to ACC Eastview Campus)



LifeWorks East Austin Youth & Family Resource Center is focused on increasing access to mental health, youth development and related supportive services for poor and working poor families in Central East Austin.

The site will expand all LifeWorks non-residential services. **It will:**

- » Increase Literacy/GED/ESL services by 54%
- » Increase Counseling services by 75%
- » Increase services to youth aging out of foster care by 28%
- » Increase Family Violence Intervention services by 21%

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Bonnie K. Mills & Jim Sauer

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Isarah

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what's going on here. I'm in the middle of trying to figure out where exactly I'm going and what day I will graduate from this home (hopefully soon!!).

I love you guys. Steve, feel free to share the picture with Will and Duncan. I promise I'll keep in touch because I've kinda been missing something without y'all!

- Isarah



Volunteers Rake in the Hours

LifeWorks volunteers put in 15,000 hours of service saving the agency a little over \$218,800. We would like to thank our community for all of their hard work.

We have had groups of people come together to support LifeWorks and do a bit of team building at the same time. Employees from Google visited LifeWorks Emergency Shelter and dug trenches, made improvements to the playscape, hauled sandbags, weeded our community garden and cooked up a fantastic dinner for clients.

Students at the University of Texas School of Business joined in on the action and washed vans, painted benches and helped tidy up the South Site's landscaping.

Wishes Granted

Our wish list is ever changing and we could not thank everyone enough for all of your donations.

We always appreciate the groups such as Lakeway Rotary Club who plan backpack drives. They collect and deliver new or gently used bags to LifeWorks, and the youth in our Street Outreach program are always so excited to receive one. Sometimes the bags are filled with crew socks, sunblock and canned food -- items our youth always need.

Thank you to the thousands of donors who so generously gave financial support and in-kind donations to support LifeWorks programs.

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COUNSELING

2721 families were served

89% of families in counseling improved their present issue

55,458 people received child abuse prevention education

EDUCATION

2628 youth and adults received instruction & training

94% of teen parents did not experience subsequent pregnancy

78% of ESL students demonstrated measurable improvement

HOUSING

4238 youth on the streets were provided services

401 youth were provided shelter & housing

98% of youth in Supportive Housing increased their education and/or employment

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2008-2009

Revenue

Expenditures

Grants/contracts	\$6,271,053	Counseling	\$1,667,914	Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$7,790,332
United Way	\$410,300	Housing	\$2,261,984	Net Assets End of Year	\$8,617,809
Fee for Service/sales	\$586,778	Education	\$2,440,994		
Contributions	\$2,121,869	Ben & Jerry's	\$392,053		
In-kind	\$348,286	Management/General	\$1,254,865		
Special events	\$408,514	Fundraising	\$674,249		
Other	\$25,222	Total	\$9,117,010		
Investment Income	(\$61,981)				
Total	\$10,110,041*				

*surplus due to capital fundraising

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Taking the LEAP

LifeWorks Executives & Professionals

LifeWorks Executives and Professionals, LEAP, is a networking, advocacy and volunteer group dedicated to supporting LifeWorks. The LEAP steering committee invites community members to come together socially and make a difference locally.

They have several happy hours throughout the year and each one is aimed at supporting a different LifeWorks program. The goal is to have a good time while raising awareness and funds. LEAP also hosts Lunch & Learns in which guest speakers are invited to discuss topics important to Austinites.

LEAPers are perhaps most well known for the White Party. "The White Party is a gilded champion

among Austin charity affairs," said Michael Barnes of the Austin American Statesman. Tickets are on sale now and proceeds benefit LifeWorks.

In 2008, LEAP members began hosting dinners for the youth in the Street Outreach program. The volunteers leave work early and meet at the shelter kitchen to prepare a warm meal.

Volunteers recently cooked up spaghetti bolognese and served it with salad, bread, and brownies. LEAP hosts the dinners the last Wednesday of every month.

So, if you're interested in being more involved then we encourage you to take the LEAP.



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