

# ***BARRINGTON YOUTH SERVICES***

**"Serving Barrington Area Youth and Families Since 1972"**  
***Counseling      Prevention      Education***

Summer 1997

## **BYS Celebrates Our 25th Anniversary**

### **Faith Semla, 25th Anniversary Chairperson**

Over the past twenty-five years Barrington Youth Services has evolved from a drug abuse committee's commitment to find answers to youth involvement with alcohol and other drugs to an interactive, interventive agency which provides programs and services to youth and their families who struggle with the root problems which could end up with alcohol and/or other drug use.

What's changed? Nothing in the focus of the BYS mission. Not one of those years could be "skipped" as the social service agency developed to meet the current needs of youth, families and community. Aided by social service and medical sciences which have provided better blueprints for prevention, intervention and treatment, BYS continues to provide help for youth and families living in the geographic boundaries of School District 220.

BYS has grown in numbers served through clinical counseling and prevention programs. Youth **symptoms** lead to **family problems** being uncovered and probed for **solutions**. Programs are designed to meet the **needs** and **requests** from school and community leaders of children who see the need to improve coping skills of their charges. Youth referred to BYS by the Court, crisis calls and outreach are part of the BYS effort to help young people take a closer look at themselves and their decisions.

Early Outreach Programs put BYS staff in schools, parks and police stations. BYS is still in those places, in cooperative efforts to provide activities, support groups, education, skill building and conflict resolution by contact with a social worker in a meaningful way.

Bottom line: BYS cares about kids and their families—their relationship with parents, siblings, friends and in some cases their grandparents. BYS works on individual youth and/or family problems. Problems which attack one family member, attack all family members.

More than fifteen years of affiliating with BYS has provided me with a deep appreciation of the wide range of stresses that youth/families face which BYS staff is asked to treat. My gratitude is great for a very professional, well-trained, well-supervised staff; it is the heart of BYS.

The Barrington communities are fortunate to have had volunteers who worked hard to provide the direction, staff and facility for a BYS; thanks to the dedication of those who struggled to provide funds to keep BYS a "top drawer" agency whose services are free or based on a sliding scale. The effort was worth it! Where would our communities be without BYS?

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## Barrington Community Businesses and Individuals Rally to Support Barrington Youth Services 25th Anniversary Celebration!

Through the years BYS has been the recipient of many kind donations from local supporters. Without your help we would not be here! With great thanks to the Barrington community we *are* here and we're going to celebrate on Saturday, August 23rd at our **25th Anniversary Celebration** entitled, "**Family Picnic in the Park**" But, once again we need your help!!!

We are seeking funding to help underwrite the costs of holding this wonderful celebration. Donors for this event will be included in all 25th Anniversary Celebration publicity and their names will be included on the "**BYS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**" banner to be hung at Langendorf Park on August 23rd. BYS will also display the names of all donors on the "**BYS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**" display in our main lobby.

Donations from the following sponsors were received during week one of our campaign: The Quaker Oats Company, Barrington Engineering, Van Fossan - Patterson - Johnson - Inc, and Idlewood Electric Supply. Tremendous thanks to these businesses for helping to jump start our campaign!

### SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Partner	\$1,000
Sponsor	\$500
Advocate	\$250
Friend	\$100 or less

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please send your contribution with your name and/or your business name to Barrington Youth Services, 110 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010. You may use the ticket order form below to accompany your check. Donations of \$50.00 or more include free admission for donors and their guests.

please reserve tickets for  
**FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
BARRINGTON YOUTH SERVICES CELEBRATES 25 YEARS of helping kids and families  
SAT., AUGUST 23, 1997, 11a.m. - 4 p.m. Langendorf Park, Barrington, Shelter A

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Children ____ @ \$1.00 each	Adults ____ @ \$5.00 each =	Total	\$ _____
	Raffle tickets @ \$1 each or 6/\$5		\$ _____
	Sponsor Donation (includes free tickets)		\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL CHECK</b>		\$ _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BARRINGTON YOUTH SERVICES**  
Mail your reservation to BYS PICNIC, 110 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010  
**IF BUYING RAFFLE TICKETS, FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK!**  
Reserve by phone, (847) 381-0345, Mon. - Fri., Message for Ellen.

## "New Generations"

### A Forum to Address Teen Issues and Concerns

Making the Barrington area a more "teen friendly" community is a top priority of Barrington Youth Services.

On April 24 Barrington Youth Services staff members facilitated a discussion with 38 students from Barrington High School. The students represented a cross-section of young people from all the Barrington communities. Barrington Youth Services staff members asked the teenagers what they wanted in the community geared toward their age group. The forum was initiated by the Rotary Club of Barrington and termed "New Generations."

The students see that Barrington is lacking a place where teens could just "hang out", and teens would also like to have a greater voice in the community about issues affecting them.

According to BYS Social Worker, Julie Lee, The kids feel that they are not listened to by the adults in the community. The teen government would organize service projects and develop activities for teens in the community. The two biggest vote-getters were: a teen center and a teen government. Although adult community members attended, they sat separately from the students, so the students would be able to express their opinions freely. Each table of students presented their group findings to the audience, and they stressed that follow-up was extremely important.

Since then three follow-up meetings were held with students, members from the Rotary Club, and The Barrington

Area Healthier Communities initiative have all stayed involved and met to process the next steps which would enhance the New Generations forum.

The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff area has a teen government already in place and may serve as a model for the Barrington youth. Their teen government is called "CROYA" which stands for Committee Representing Our Young Adults. At a follow-up meeting for New Generations, a few students and the director of CROYA came to talk to Barrington students at Barrington High School. The students from Lake Forest discussed their experiences with the teen government and answered questions from the Barrington youth. "How do you get started" a Barrington teen asked. The CROYA teens stressed that the government getting underway may be a slow process, and they invited anyone interested in attending a meeting at their headquarters in Lake Forest to do so.

Soon after BYS brought a few teens to Lake Forest. They observed a CROYA Board Meeting and took part in a bar-b-que. Some of the things that CROYA members participate in is sponsoring activities, doing service projects, and new this year is a coffee house in the basement of the rec center.

Even though the students were inspired by the CROYA program, continuing New Generations over the summer is difficult because most families use the summer for vacations. Thus, continuing with New Generations may have to resume next school year.

#### BYS TID BITS...

We offer condolences to the family and friends of **Hugh Palmer** who recently passed away. Hugh was a great friend of the Agency. BYS was named as one of the sources to which memorial donations could be made in Hugh's honor. We will miss his support and his dedicated advocacy of BYS and our mission.

Station School Principal, **Dr. James Voris** and teacher, **Mrs. Dowd** have recently been named as recipients of BYS honorariums. Honorariums are usually reserved for someone who has made a significant impact on the family or individual making the contribution in their name. Congratulations!

Gracious thanks to the **Barrington Garden Club** for coming to the rescue! They have offered to provide for the costs of repairing and start-up maintenance of our front garden beds as well as the removal of some unsightly shrubs. Both efforts will greatly enhance the appearance of our facility.

**Harris Bank, Barrington** once again stepped forward to underwrite the costs of printing our Annual Report. Harris Bank has traditionally and generously provided for this expense for many years. We appreciate their support!

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS OUR GREATEST ASSET!!

The Barrington Youth Services Auxiliary enjoyed another successful fund-raiser netting \$90,000 targeted for prevention programs. A good time was had by all attending the "BYS-OPOLY" event based on the popular board game Monopoly. BYS staffers enjoyed seeing the "boss" in jail. While hard-working board members made sure to secure jail time for the Board President, Dave Thompson.



**Above:** Co-chairs Chris Pepper (left) and Sheryl Frankenberg try the winning key in the "Community Chest". **Below:** Leigh Furda (right) and Chris Pepper wait for someone to bail them out of jail.



**Above:** Vice President George Gill (left) and Executive Director, Rochelle Schulman keep guard as Board President, David Thompson spends time in jail. **Below:** Auxiliary members (left to right) Kathy Maca-Mangan, Donna Penyak, Donna Hannay, Jane Fitzgerald and Jeanne Hanson display some of the evening's favorite props.



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### 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION cont...

It follows then, that all ages in our communities would want to celebrate together the 25th milestone of BYS in a **FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK on Saturday, August 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Langendorf Park (Shelter A).** Activities for all ages to take part in or enjoy watching and a picnic lunch area bargain at \$1.00 per child to age 17, \$5.00 per adult. A ticket order form is available on page two.

Please join us in an affirmation of our belief that kids are our treasure and our future.

**Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers at Good Shepherd Manor for preparing the mailing of this newsletter and 25th Anniversary Celebration materials!**

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