

# Youth Shelter News

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER & FAMILY SERVICES, Inc. (CCYS)

“Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment.”

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## Employee uses training to save grandson's life

Regina Harris had completed a long day of work as a full-time day-shift youth worker for the Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services and was relaxing at home on Dec. 5, 2005, when her step-daughter Helena rushed into her apartment yelling, “Little Kevin is choking! I don't know what to do!”

Helena, who lives in the same apartment building as her step-mom, had already called 911, but 9-month-old Kevin wasn't breathing. Regina couldn't believe what was happening. Just that day, she had completed a course taught by CCYS Family Programs Coordinator Venus Bailey on CPR and First Aid.

“I'd never taken CPR before. If I didn't have the class, I wouldn't have known what to do. I would have passed out with him!” Regina said.

The class, which is required for all employees of the shelter, focuses on both infant and child CPR, and usually takes an entire day to complete. CPR certifications are renewed annually, and first aid is taken every three years. Regina, who has been with the shelter for nearly a year, finished her certification only hours before her grandson began choking.

“I grabbed him and hit him between the shoulder blades like Miss Venus told us to,” she said. “Something told me to hit him hard-er and then he just started scream-



**Kevin Taylor at home**

ing and crying.”

By the time the paramedics arrived, Kevin was fine. No one knew exactly what Kevin had choked on, but his mother told the paramedics he had had a chest cold, and they explained that mucus could sometimes form a plug and choke an infant.

Since the incident, Kevin has developed a closer relationship with his grandmother.

“He comes to me more now, and he's walking and getting into all kinds of things,” she said.

She said she is grateful she learned what she did when she did to help her grandson, but she believes most of her ability came from divine intervention.

“I know it was the Lord, 'cause it sure wasn't me!”

## *Footsteps for Families Walk & 5K Fun Run set for May 20, 2006*

Perrin Park in Jeffersonville will be the scene once again for the Clark County Youth Shelter's spring fundraiser. Now in its 5th year, the Footsteps for Families Walk will freshen up by incorporating a 5K Fun Run with a course on the streets surrounding the park and shopping options for walkers, runners, and other shelter supporters with booths of crafts and other goods.

Registration brochures will be available in early April, and sponsorship opportunities are available now. Anyone wishing to advertise their business or organization on the event t-shirt and registration brochures may contact Amy Schneidau at 812-284-5229. Sponsorship is available at two levels: \$500 sponsors receive their logo and name on the t-shirt and event promotions, and \$200 sponsors receive their name on the t-shirt and event promotions. Anyone interested in forming a team of walkers/runners or who would like registration brochures, contact Amy Schneidau at the above number or by e-mail at [ccys@ccysfs.org](mailto:ccys@ccysfs.org). Bring your families, friends and co-workers to support our mission of “serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment!”

# 2005 Holiday Celebrity Waiter Dinner

## Fun Evening Funds CCYS



CCYS's 2nd annual dinner fundraiser held Dec. 15 in the Jeffersonville Optimist Club proved successful, raising more than \$10,000 for the shelter. Above: Guests and waiters make bids on hundreds of donated items. Above right: Fundraising committee chairperson Doris Stone introduces "celebrity" waiter Steve Heil, while board member and DJ Charlie Schladand looks on. Right: guests enjoy a buffet dinner prepared by Jeffersonville Optimists and provided by the Optimist Club's Foundation.



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# Youth At Work: Preparing for the future

Parents and children usually encounter a major milestone discussion when the child reaches age 15 or so: to work or not to work. This dilemma is not easily solved and can involve many different reasonings and scenarios. A family who is in need of extra income may encourage their child to obtain employment and contribute to the family's funds. A child who is involved with many extra curricular activities may find that adding a work schedule adds too much pressure to be successful in any activity.

Whichever option a family chooses, much discussion and trial and error is required to work out the best situation for that family.

Studies have shown that early exposure to work has a positive impact on the lives of young people and their chances for success. At the same time, investing in youth now by preparing them for their jobs later in life is critical to the well-being of our economy.

Preparation and involvement are key elements, however. Families who have an employed youth must be involved in helping their child understand the importances of time management, dependability, responsibility,

professionalism, and money management. Working increases self-esteem and can help youth become independent and skilled, and it has been suggested that working during high school may contribute to increased rates of employment and better wages up to a decade after high school completion.

Below is information gathered from U.S. Department of Labor web-site detailing the specifics of youth and work.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), youths 14 and 15 years old may work outside school hours in various non-manufacturing, non-mining, non-hazardous jobs under certain conditions.

Permissible work hours for 14- and 15-year-olds are:

- 3 hours on a school day;
- 18 hours in a school week;
- 8 hours on a non-school day;
- 40 hours in a non-school week; and between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except from June 1 through Labor Day, when nighttime work hours are extended to 9 p.m.

Child labor laws vary from state to state. The Indiana Department of Labor follows essentially the same restrictions. Their web-site also includes the following important information:

All teens 14, 15, 16 and 17 years of age must have a work permit before they can begin work. This applies to all teens, including those who are:

- Enrolled in a public or private school
- A home-school student
- Out-of-state resident seeking a job in Indiana
- No longer enrolled in school
- Married

However, a work permit is not required if the teen has graduated from high school or has received a General Educational Development (GED) diploma.

Teen Worker materials may be helpful in answering questions, and can be ordered by calling 1-888 TEEN WORK or by logging onto [www.in.gov/labor/childlabor/teens](http://www.in.gov/labor/childlabor/teens).

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## Shelter Supporters We couldn't do it without you!

**The board of directors and staff of the Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services, Inc. would like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals who generously gave time, talents and treasures during this quarter. We appreciate your support!**

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**Thank you to the Caesar's Foundation of Floyd County, who granted CCYS \$1,490 to support the Safe Place program in Floyd County.**

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**Thank you to the General Mills Foundation for awarding us a grant of \$5,000 to support our Residential Program and Family Education & Support Program.**



The Jeffersonville Lions Club presented a donation of \$250 in Olde Towne Grocery gift certificates to members of the executive committee and staff of CCYS. Lions Club members Marvin Potter, Tony Garrett and Judy Storz made the presentation in December.

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