



# GIVE FOR A BETTER US

When Tameya came to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau, she was very frustrated and defiant toward most people, especially her family. A toxic relationship with her family caused her to isolate herself. Financial struggles at home and expectations from her parents made her feel like she had to work whenever she wasn't in school and that added to her resentment. The situation seemed hopeless which caused her to become increasingly agitated.

Her Youth Advocate, Myriam, had to be patient as Tameya learned to trust. Overtime, Tameya began to share her feelings and what she wanted for her future. Family members were invited to participate in the process which allowed them all to gain skills that improved their relationships.

By working with Myriam, Tameya realized that she had a voice and greater potential. She discovered a love for singing through show choir. Tameya began focusing more on her studies and then graduated from high school with honors. Tameya is enrolled at the University of St. Francis, a top nursing school. She sees a future for herself now and wants to help others.

"I enjoyed working with Myriam because she showed me that she really cared and actually wanted to help. She taught me to communicate how I feel and find healthy ways to overcome my anger."

## **S** Status Offender Court Alternative Program (SOCAP)

SOCAP helps vulnerable youth avoid the juvenile justice system, get on track to graduate from high school and learn the necessary skills to face challenges and succeed in life.

## **S** Safe Place

This nationally recognized runaway prevention program is designed for young people who need immediate help and safety. Safe Place makes help readily available to local youth in crisis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## **A** Anti-Graffiti Network

Armed with gallons of paint, youth involved in community service cover graffiti in our area. In 25 years, we have cleaned graffiti from more than 74,719 sites in Fort Wayne.

## Your Gift In Action

**Every dollar donated to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2021, 818 youth and families received free services thanks to generous donors.**

**\$100** Gives 3 struggling families vouchers for food.

**\$250** Prevents 1 youth from becoming a victim of violence or sex trafficking through the Safe Place Program.

**\$500** Offers 2 low income families case management services that assist in helping youth receive a high school diploma.

**\$2,500** Mentors and supports a troubled adolescent for 1 year, helping them address childhood trauma, gain confidence and focus on high school graduation.

>>> Your donation goes directly to help children like Tameya.

## Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Give our areas most vulnerable youth hope for their future.
- Help students who have fallen behind in school refocus and earn a high school diploma.
- Protect troubled youth from danger at home and on the streets.



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