



GIVE FOR A BETTER US

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.

F Family Support Conferences (FSC)
Working together with families of at-risk youth, we help them recognize and utilize their own strengths to fix current problems and prevent future conflicts.

A Anti-Graffiti Network
Armed with gallons of paint, youth involved in community service cover graffiti in our area. In 24 years, we have cleaned graffiti from more than 72,500 sites in Fort Wayne.

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

It is estimated that every year **1.6 million youth** run away from home and **800,000** become victims of **Sex Trafficking** within the first **48 hours**. Childhood trauma also attributes to young people being vulnerable to sex trafficking. Research shows that all it takes is **one stable, consistent, and caring adult** to change the trajectory of a **child's life**. The YMCA's Youth Service Bureau (YSB) Youth Advocacy Program works to build healthy relationships with at-risk youth.

Sierra felt isolated and alone when her parents became preoccupied with a family crisis. When she didn't get the attention she needed, she became involved with an adult who took advantage of her vulnerability. Sierra's experience is common among girls her age. According to a recent study **11- 14 is the typical age of recruitment for sex trafficking**. Although Sierra was sexually abused; fortunately she was not a victim of sex trafficking.

In 2019, she participated in our human trafficking prevention program which focuses on the dangers of unhealthy relationships. Sierra has come to be known for her intellectual and emotional intelligence. "I've changed a lot. I realize I can't depend on anyone else for my happiness," said Sierra. Sierra became open to encouragement and guidance from those around her which helped her see that she can rely on several adults who care for her and believe in her. She has begun to learn to love herself. She has also been brave enough to share her story with others and help them find their own voice.

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2020, 1,542 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.

\$625 Offers low income families 5 truancy education classes that emphasize the importance of 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.

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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