



Nichole and James

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S Status Offender Court Alternative Program (SOCAP)
SOCAP helps 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 23 years, we have cleaned graffiti from more than 72,000 sites in Fort Wayne.

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

Every student who comes to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau (YSB) has a unique story.

Sometimes challenges and obstacles overwhelm a young person attempting to navigate life. For Nichole, it was emotional stress and challenging family dynamics that pushed her to make negative choices. Reeling from the death of her grandmother while trying to forge a relationship with her biological father proved to be too much and created feelings of anxiety and hopelessness.

"When Nichole was 13 years old, she began leaving home without permission. I would search for her for days. When she was arrested for running away and taken to the Allen County Juvenile Center (ACJC), she was assigned to the YMCA's Status Offender Court Alternative Program (SOCAP). James McFadden became her YMCA Youth Advocate and met with her consistently and encouraged her to do her best," said Nichole's mom, Tonya.

"When Nichole came to the program, it was clear she had a lot of great qualities, but needed to focus on valuing herself. Unwavering support from her mother gave Nichole the push she needed to start engaging in the program. This was when she began to see her own potential, not only as a student, but also as a person," stated James. Through the YSB Nichole learned about healthy relationships and the dangers of human trafficking. Nichole has been an active leader with her peers during sessions, allowed herself to be vulnerable and establish trust within the group.

"A lot has changed since she came to YSB. She has good grades, participates in choir and played high school volleyball. Thanks to SOCAP and James, Nichole has a bright future," says Nichole's mom, Tonya.

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Youth Service Bureau Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. In 2019, 1,318 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 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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