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# NEWS FOR FRIENDS OF THE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

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### OUR MISSION

THE YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU EXISTS TO STRENGTHEN AND EMPOWER YOUTH, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH EFFECTIVE COUNSELING PREVENTION AND LEADERSHIP.

YOUTH SERVICE Bureau ENCOURAGES YOU TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY BY CONTRIBUTING TO UNITED WAY OF THE QUAD CITIES AREA. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DESIGNATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, PLEASE CONSIDER DESIGNATING YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU AS YOUR CONTRIBUTION RECIPIENT.



# YSB Services Improve Quality of Life for all Family Members

At Youth Service Bureau we provide counseling and advocacy to at-risk children and families to improve the quality of life for all. Our counselors

are able to collaborate with family members and the schools to ensure that the student needs are being met in order to be successful in the classroom. This story is just an example of how a counseling referral from a school can impact change and improve overall family functioning.



A young boy was referred to Youth

Service Bureau by his preschool teacher. She was concerned because he was quiet and did not interact with his classmates or with her and his learning was being affected negatively. His mother was also very concerned because at home, he would speak only to her and no one else. He was depressed and was not interested in doing fun activities or making new friends at his school. At the time of the referral, mom was pregnant and unemployed. In addition, the child's father had been deported to his home country due to domestic violence and driving while intoxicated with his children in the vehicle. The mother engaged in a new relationship and became pregnant. Her boyfriend, who was emotionally abusive towards her left after discovering she was pregnant.

Through counseling, the mother has been able to empower herself by placing healthy boundaries and becoming a supportive authority figure for her children. She has gained new insight into healthy family relationships and is currently working full time. Her son is able to talk to his father on a weekly basis. Mom understands that even though things didn't work as a couple; her children need the relationship with their father in order to be emotionally healthy. Her son



just started 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He has a new found confidence and is excited about going to school and is not afraid to interact with teachers and classmates. The family felt ready to conclude counseling and the case was closed successfully.

If you would like more information on the Youth Service Bureau's Family Counseling Program, call 793-3460.



## Welcome New Staff and Board!









We would also like to welcome three new Members to the agency's Board of Directors:

Doug Greer Special Education Teacher at United Township High School

Norma Kauzlarich First Assistant States Attorney, Rock Island County

Dr. William Burrus Retired Educator, Moline-Coal Valley School District



### **Charitable Contributions**



The Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County relies on the support of individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations. Every gift, no matter the size, helps children and families in Rock Island County. The YSB would like to recognize the following donors who have contributed to our organization the past few months. Thank you for everything you have done to make our services possible.

YSB deeply regrets and respectfully apologizes for any omissions or errors. We strive for accuracy in acknowledging all of our donors who are a vital part of our success, however, mistakes do sometimes occur. Please call our office at 309-793-3460 regarding any omissions or corrections.

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# **Doris and Victor Day Foundation**

Thank you to The Doris and Victor Day Foundation for their generous donation of \$5,000 to provide for Community and School Based Counseling Services to low income children and families.

# **Rauch Family Foundation**

Thank you to The Rauch Family Foundation for their generous donation of \$1,000 to provide for snacks and incentives to children participating in our school groups and delinquency prevention programs.



Youth Service Bureau encourages you to serve the community by contributing to United Way of the Quad Cities Area. If you would like to designate your contribution to programs serving children and families, please consider designating Youth Service Bureau as your contribution



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