



## 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.



## Peer Justice Program Strengthening Teens & QC Community

YSB's Peer Justice Program works with teens ages 13 – 17 who have had police contact for a status offense, misdemeanor offense, ordinance violation or a non-violent felony. One of the unique things about Peer Justice is that respondents have a sentencing hearing before a jury of teen peers. The jury determines a sentence that can include community service, an apology letter, a verbal apology to parents in front of the jury, restitution, counseling services or educational services.



Last year, officers from the area referred 107 cases to Peer Justice. Fifty-two of those referrals were for Retail Theft.

As part of her sentence, a Peer Justice Respondent wrote the following apology to Sears at South Park Mall.

### To the Workers and Managers of Sears

*On February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, I came into Sears and shoplifted. When I came into the store, please know that was not my intention. I came into the store heading for appliances to see if the store carried laptops. After I found out you didn't, I went to leave and I stopped at the jewelry counter and saw the necklaces hanging there. My mind went blank, I fingered the necklaces and without thought, I took one, ripped the tag off and shoved it in my pocket. Once it was there my mind flooded... "What are you doing?" "You're going to ruin everything!" That's what was in my head. I panicked. . . Leave, get out! I thought! I left the necklaces in my pocket thinking "get out, then trash it". So, that was my plan. Why didn't I just put it back? I was so panicked that I didn't weigh my options. . .I just wanted to remove myself, but I got caught.*

*Right now I'm in a program called Peer Justice and getting consequences for what I did. I accept my punishments because I made a bad decision. Please understand I'm not a bad kid, I just made a bad decision. If I could take it back, I'd do so in a heartbeat.*

*I want to apologize to everyone working that day, and the people who had to take time out of their day to deal with me, and doing paperwork. I feel awfully sorry and ashamed. I never meant to hurt anyone or myself, but that's what I did. My family is very disappointed in me; I can't blame them. I'm disappointed in myself. I'm better than this and I know it. Everything was going great and I messed it up in less than 30 minutes.*

*My punishments include: grounding (no television, phone, friends, and music) until further notice. Twenty hours of community service; jury duty and other things.*

*I mean it when I say I learned my lesson. I never want to feel as low as I did that day and every day since then. When my family looks at me, it burns because I know they will never forget.*

*It is my fault I know, but I'll fix it. It's going to take some time but I'll prove I'm sorry, and I'll do anything.*

*Again, I'm apologizing for everything. I'm done with disappointment. I want to make people proud and I can't do that while messing up.*

*Thank you for your time.  
 A Peer Justice Program Respondent*

**Thank You!**  
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The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing was held on May 14th and Indian Bluff Golf Course.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors:



And supporting sponsors, KJWW Engineering Consultants, John Deere, Ben & Lois Larson McAdams and South Moline Township.

We also wish to thank everyone who braved the cold and rain to come out and play in our golf outing! Over \$8,000 was raised to support YSB's delinquency prevention programs and counseling services to families in need!

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**"KEYS TO A GOOD TIME" DUELING PIANO NIGHT**

**FEATURING**



January 20, 2012

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## 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.

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## Thank you!!!

The Youth Service Bureau Staff and Board would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the Quad City Parrothead Club for their generosity and support!

YSB was selected as the recipient of proceeds from their Annual Golf Fundraiser. This super fun-filled event was held on Saturday, July 16th at Indian Bluff Golf Course.

Funding donated by the QC Parrothead Club will help YSB provide valuable and much needed services to children and families in the Quad City Community.!

## Thank you Parrotheads!!!

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Prevention Attention Quick (PAQ) Program

Peer Justice (Teen Court) Program

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