



# Annual Report 2007

## Board President's Report

**Youth Go is:**  
*A voluntary, youth directed, supportive community which offers youth opportunities to learn, grow and feel comfortable with themselves and others.*

They say that reflection is good for the soul, and at this time of year my soul is full gratitude and inspiration for what Youth Go has accomplished this past year and for the direction we are taking for the future. And as always keeping an eye on the present. This past year we have seen many positive steps in Youth Go's ability to change and grow to meet new needs and situations. Not all changes are happy, but we must face them for the good of Youth Go. One such change was Rebecca Sgarlotti's departure as our Executive Director after several years. Rebecca was presented with a new personal growth opportunity in a service field close to her heart and she followed her dream. Though we were sad to lose her, we are grateful to have had her as such an important part of our team and we wish her well and ask that she not be a stranger! With Rebecca's departure, we

faced the challenged of finding a new Executive Director, and we are extremely fortunate to have found her within our staff in Kelly Hicks, who, along with our dedicated staff, have formed a new foundation of growth opportunities for Youth Go. There is an old adage that goes "you're only as strong as your weakest link", and I am proud to state that our chain is rock solid. This past year we have seen our youth participation, activities, community involvement and donations increase. And I am proud to report that our staff has in place even more outreach programs for the upcoming year. Youth Go is also blessed with a great board of directors that I am honored to serve with, and they too have played a key and active role this past year. From our board meetings, to speaking to the community on behalf of Youth Go to their active participation in our fund raising projects, this

board is special! They too, have an eye to the future and have established three new sub-committees: Finance, Fund-raising, and Community Involvement. These committees are designed to ensure that Youth Go continues to grow and meet the needs our youth. That brings me the most important reason Youth Go exists: our Youth. This year again saw our youth step up in the community with volunteer projects including a trip to Kentucky to help those in need, along with several other projects too numerous to mention, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention our largest annual fund-raiser, our haunted house project. We had our largest average youth volunteer numbers going into our 20<sup>th</sup> year of this project. The youth really did out do themselves in time, commitment and providing great scares! **Mark Ellis**  
Board President

## Board of Directors 2007

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## Staff

- Kelly Hicks**, Executive Director
- Brea Cunico**, Youth Center Coordinator
- Rebecca Lingnofski**, Recreation Coordinator
- Meredith Imler**, Activity Coordinator
- Megan Gibson**, Activity Coordinator/ Bridges Counselor
- Alice Zarda**, Activity Coordinator/ Bridges Counselor
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- Rachel Dehn**, Youth Worker
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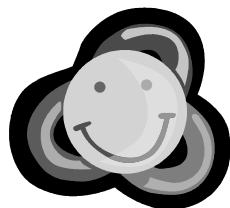
**2007 Donors**  
**Restricted and General Contributions**

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Tracy Ogden	Cousins Subs	Wellness Association
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***We sincerely appreciate the generous support of our donors***

## Executive Director's Report

*"The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." –Allan K. Chalmers*



2007 was a year full of great memories and exciting opportunities. I consider myself very lucky to be a part of such a wonderful and worthwhile organization. Being part of Youth Go truly fills my life with the "grand essentials of happiness."

### "Something to do..."

Youth Go continues to offer a variety of activities and programs. In 2007 we had five family nights for our youth and their families to participate in; including the Awards Dinner, a trip to the NEW Zoo in Green Bay, a Summer Picnic at Doty Park, the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Christmas Movie trip. We started a Community Service Club and had our first Spring Break Service Trip to Kentucky. The Youth Go staff continue to use their creativity and flexibility to develop clubs, programs, and events for our youth.

### "Something to love..."

The staff at Youth Go strive to "celebrate the value of all youth." We want everyone who walks through our doors to feel welcome. We are an ever-growing family. The youth that participate in Youth Go are truly exceptional. They are so full of excitement for life. They show unbelievable compassion for others. They care about each other and also about Youth Go. They motivate me to work harder each and every day.

### "Something to hope for..."

I hope that each youth that we serve knows how valuable that they are, realizes their potential, and is encouraged to dream big. I hope that Youth Go will continue to provide positive adult role models, a safe environment, exciting new opportunities and educational resources. I hope that Youth Go will continue to be a place for the youth of our community where they can have a sense of belonging, where they can feel supported, where they can be themselves. I hope to continue to be blessed with the overwhelming support of our amazing staff, our dedicated Board of Directors, our devoted volunteers and our generous donors.

Thank you to all those who make Youth Go such a source of happiness for the youth of our community!

*Kelly Hicks*  
Executive Director

## Youth Go 2007

### Current Operating Budget

#### Revenue

United Way	173882
Special Events & Contributions	37204
Contract and Program fees	33138
Endowment Interest	15087
Grants	27030
Other	6275
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>292616</b>

#### Expenses

Employment	242086
Supplies & Services	28142
Occupancy & Equipment	24835
Special Activities & Other	20093
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>315156</b>

### Operating Endowment Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2007</b>	396277
2007 Contributions	0
Fund Income	10054
Fees	(2355)
Withdrawals	(10520)
Gain/Loss on sale of assets	1333
Capital Gains	12864
Unrealized Gain	5191
<b>Balance December 31, 2007</b>	<b>412844</b>

### Building Maintenance Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2007</b>	154296
2007 Contributions	15429
Fund Income	4410
Fees	(1036)
Withdrawals	(4567)
Gain/Loss on sale of assets	319
Capital Gains	5433
Unrealized Gain	1878
<b>Balance December 31, 2007</b>	<b>176162</b>

*Market valuation of all gifts since 1992 in memory of*

*Theda Clark Smith is \$188,746*

### Youth Assistance Fund

<b>Balance January 1, 2007</b>	1631
2007 Contributions	964
Interest earned	84
Emergency and scholarship assistance	(1193)
<b>Balance December 31, 2007</b>	<b>1486</b>

*Additional donations to this fund are welcome*



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## *Youth Go's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet*

*We invite all interested persons to attend our event and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth.*

*When:*

*Thursday, March 27, 2008*

*6:00 to 8:30 p.m.*

*Dinner begins at 6:00—No Cost*

*Where:*

*St. Patrick's Catholic Church*

*Geenen Hall*

*324 Nicolet Blvd, Menasha*

*If you plan to attend the dinner, please R.S.V.P. by calling 722-1435 by noon on Monday March 17, 2008 or e-mailing to [youthgo@new.rr.com](mailto:youthgo@new.rr.com)*

**Please mark the following dates on your calendar:**

Friday and Saturday, **March 21 and 22** - Youth Go will be closed for the Easter Holiday

Thursday, **March 27** - Youth Go will be closed for our annual awards - see information above

Saturday, **May 3** - Youth Go will be closed so we may participate in the "Human Race" - See insert for details