

## Trip to the Performing Arts Center



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We had the opportunity, thanks to the generosity of the Jan Bax Family Foundation, to attend a performance of the Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre. Thirty of us gathered for appetizers and fun at Youth Go and then headed to the Performing Arts Center. We attended an educational session before the show. Then we took our seats and waited for the performance to begin. We were stunned by the music, singing, dancing and storytelling. It was an incredible sight to see. Here is what some of the kids thought:

- *“It was really inspirational. I learned about the tribe and about their sacred flag and how they don’t take anything for granted.” –Tony*
- *“I liked the detail they to in the dance and in their costumes. I also loved the enthusiasm that the performers had.” –Jasmine*
- *“A spectacle! The Sioux Theatre was filled with amazing dance, music, and myths that really brought the performance alive! It was a real visual treat.” –Victor*

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## Funding Highlights

Donations and grants to support our programs during the first four months of 2011 include:

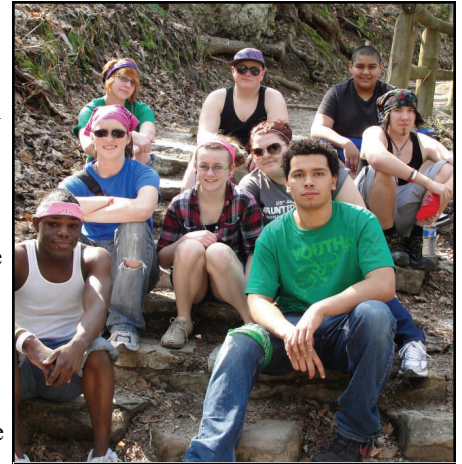
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- St. Elizabeth Hospital Community Foundation
- Target
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## Spring Break Service Trip to Kentucky

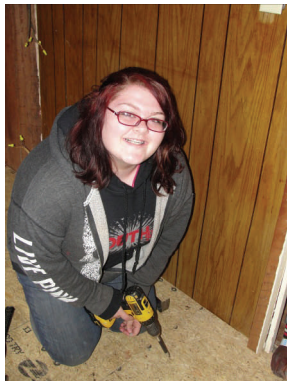
Over Spring Break, Youth Go selected youth to participate in a Spring Break Service trip to Kentucky. We went to Kentucky to volunteer through the Christian Appalachian Project (C.A.P.) though Youth Go is not affiliated with religion. Interested applicants were to turn in their applications for the trip a few months before it actually took place. Nine youth turned in applications and luckily, all nine were selected. The youth selected include: Jordan Lenzen, Amber Evers, Derrick Smith, Tony Garcia, Dalton Wiese, Gabby Greenwood, Kari Kanaman, Taylor Shepherd, and Melanie Rohloff. Once we were informed that we were selected, we started having weekly meetings. At these meetings we discussed the trip, including doing weekly journals, answering questions, and fundraising. We had our annual puppy chow and caramel corn fundraiser, wrote letters to our friends and family about donations, and wrote grants to try to help cover the costs. Overall, we were very successful.



Spring Break Service participants

*A heartfelt thank you to all the many donors who helped make this trip possible. Special thanks to our sponsors:*

- Oshkosh Area Community Foundation
- Hiwela Fund
- Neenah Rotary Club



Melanie Rohloff replacing flooring

We departed in a 15 passenger van on March 19th to start our journey. It was a long 14 hour car ride down south, but we arrived safely. The first full day we spent hiking in the Appalachian Mountains, a truly beautiful sight. After that we started our work week. We got the safety talk and were separated into two different groups. The first group worked with an eighty-one year old woman named Pauline. She had Alzheimer's and had nine kids that would help her out. Pauline's house was not very well insulated and her floor was on the brink of collapsing. The team that worked with her installed new insulation, re-sided her house, and replaced the flooring in one room of her house. "It was amazing, the reaction we got from them every day. Her family was so nice and very thankful for all the hard work we did. It feels amazing to know I helped her family just by giving up my spring break," said Kari Kanaman.

The other group worked on a house for Troy Sr. and Troy Jr. Both of them were legally blind. Their floor was rippling because it was so damaged. The group that worked with them replaced the floor and did some work in their bathroom. "It was unbelievable to see how the house was at first and how it turned out when we fixed it. Every day was like a new adventure, the Troy's always had something new to say. I felt good about myself and the work that I was accomplishing," said Tony Garcia.

Overall, the spring break service trip was very inspirational. It meant a lot to be able to go somewhere new and make a difference. It was a great opportunity to connect with peers and feel like you're a part of something so much bigger than yourself. This was an amazing experience for everyone that went. It sparked something in all of us that made us feel like we could really make a difference in the community and the lives of those around us, including ourselves.

## 2nd Annual Smith Park Dance Revival

Are you looking for a way to kick off your 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend? Please mark your calendars and join us for a Park Dance at Smith Park in Menasha on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from 7pm – 10pm.

Relive the tradition of the park dances that were such a big part of the summers in Neenah and Menasha! Come to enjoy music from the 60's and 70's played by our DJ's WROE's Chuck Lakefield and Youth Go's Board President Mark Ellis.

Admission for the Park Dance is just \$5.00 with all proceeds going to Youth-Go!



## Human Race 2011

Spring is here and the Human Race is right around the corner! The Volunteer Center once again has given us the opportunity to raise money for our great organization. On Saturday, May 14th, Youth Go will be participating in a 5k run/walk held at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The Human Race is organized by the Volunteer Center and enables non-profits to raise money for their organizations. Staff, board members, and youth have been busy collecting pledges. Youth Go will get to keep 75% of the money raised and the other 25% will go to support the Volunteer Center.

As of today, the youth at Youth Go have already surpassed their goal of \$500 and as a Youth Go team we have shot past the \$2000 mark for fundraising for this event. We have all increased our fundraising goals and we are determined to make this the best year ever!!

Here is how you can help...

- If you would like to donate, you can visit our team fundraising page at: [www.humanrace2011.volunteercenter.net/Youth Go](http://www.humanrace2011.volunteercenter.net/YouthGo) and pledge any one of our staff members.
- If you would like to help in our fundraising efforts, please contact Meredith at Youth Go for a pledge sheet.
- If you are interested in walking with us the day of the event please call Youth Go at (920) 722-1435 and talk to Meredith, Dale, or David. Also, be sure to ask us about our super top secret theme for this year.

Thank you for your support!!

## Badges for Baseball 2011

Let's play ball!!! Through a partnership with the local police departments and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation we are excited to announce that the *Badges for Baseball* program will be returning to Neenah and Menasha this summer. The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation's *Badges for Baseball* program offers opportunities for middle school aged boys and girls to participate in baseball/softball activities while learning life lessons, such as teamwork, leadership, and communication that apply to life both on and off a baseball field through the character development portion of the program, *Healthy Choices, Healthy Children*. We at Youth Go are excited to be a part of this great partnership and to help to bring this program back to the youth of this community.

Badges for Baseball is a non-competitive, fun and educational program offered at no-cost. No experience is needed and all equipment will be provided. Coaches will consist of staff from Youth Go and local police officers. Youth will meet to play baseball/softball, learn life lessons from their coaches and have fun! The program will begin the week of June 6th. Youth will meet either at **Jefferson Park** on Tuesdays from 12:00pm-1:30pm in **Menasha** or at **Memorial Park** on Wednesday from 1:00pm-2:30pm in **Neenah** from June 7<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>, at their designated fields. Games will be held every other Friday during the summer at the field at Roosevelt Elementary School in Neenah from 3:00pm-4:00pm.

Registration forms are available at all Neenah and Menasha elementary and middle schools and at Youth Go. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Timothy Chappa at Youth Go at (920) 722-1435 or [timothy-youthgo@new.rr.com](mailto:timothy-youthgo@new.rr.com).

### Human Race

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Appleton—Thrivent

Financial for Lutherans

8-9 am... Registration

9 am.....5K Walk/Non

Competitive Run Starts



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**Kick-Off Night**  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
**5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Youth Go is so excited to have the opportunity to partner with HuHot again this year through their Making Community Impacts Program!

When you dine at HuHot in May, you will be helping to support Youth Go!

Please try to join us at HuHot for our kick-off night on Tuesday, May 10th from 5pm-8pm.

Youth Go staff, board members, and youth participants will be volunteering by helping to work the grill, bus the tables, and talk about our wonderful agency!

If you can't make it that night, be sure to stop in to HuHot for a meal or two anytime during the month of May!

# YOUTHgo

On Thursday, March 17th Youth Go celebrated with staff, board members, volunteers, supporters, and most importantly, our youth and their families. 200 people gathered together to participate in our annual meeting, to share a delicious meal, and to recognize our wonderful

## Youth Awards

### Attendance

Tristain Prosper  
James Evers

### Rookies of the year

Malcolm Cruz  
Vicki Benavidez  
Gabby Greenwood  
Jacob Muthig

### Respect

Brittany Brownson  
Dan Rosenbaum  
Mikey Huerta  
James Evers  
Victor Batrez

### Youth Leaders

Tony Garcia  
Melanie Rohloff

### Creativity

Destiny Smith  
Devin Sattler  
Kari Kanaman  
Veronica Derby

### Student Achievement

Emma Gordon  
Nicole Steffensen  
Taylor Shepherd  
Josh Moss

### Happy Clown

Marquis Cruz  
Jena Whitney  
Jose Garcia  
Lizzie White  
Jordan Lenzen  
Dalton Wiese

### Team Player

Anthony Gilbert  
Tim Rosenbaum  
Amber Evers

### Youth Go MVP

Devante Dickerson  
Annika Redemann  
Emanuel Muniz  
Luke Schueler

### Enthusiastic Involvement

Alanna Decker  
Breanne Klockzein  
Jake Jochman  
Derrick Smith

### Energy

Jason Studioso  
Aaliyah Tyler

### Multi-Dimensional

Tristain Prosper  
Steve Veaser

### Helping Hands

Mickayla Cruz  
Jocelyn Perez  
Esteban Muniz

### Individuality

Thomas Redemann  
Tyler Doire  
Sharleen Gordon  
Christian Palomar

### Friendship

Sevanna Schillinger  
Bailee Kasbaum  
Allexia Koch  
Brad Zilisch

### Optimism

Dylan Scherer  
Ethan Dewall  
Alexis Bodway  
Tony Brennenstuhl  
Jasmine Pates

### Mr. Cool

Tony Benavidez  
George Torres

### Positive Growth

CJ Kronforst  
Jacob Schultz  
Spencer Rohloff  
Ted Labby  
Andrew Ehlke

### Strong Spirit

Taminah Nelson  
Amanda Cihak  
Chris Easton  
Justin Brownson

### Mark Ellis Haunted House Award

Amanda Cihak  
Steve Veaser

### Middle School Leadership Award

Mickayla Cruz

### Ryan Burow Memorial Award

Amber Evers  
Derrick Smith

### Sedo Memorial Leadership Award

Jordan Lenzen

### Willie Sable Personal Growth Award

Taylor Shepherd

### Mike McKinnon Award

Melanie Rohloff

### Dick Johnson Positive Influence Award

Tony Garcia

### Middle School Youth of the Year

Jacob Schultz  
Dan Rosenbaum

### High School Youth of the Year

Dalton Wiese



**Continuing Education Scholarship Winners**

Josh Moss, Jordan Lenzen, Justin Brownson, Dalton Wiese

# YOUTHgo

Summer is almost here and the field trip schedule has been set. Permission slips will be available at Youth Go and on our website by mid-May. Please contact Timothy with any questions!

## June

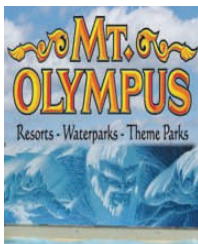
THURSDAY, JUNE 9  
WAKEBOARDING



THURSDAY, JUNE 16  
RAILROAD MUSEUM AND LAMBEAU TOUR



THURSDAY, JUNE 23  
MT. OLYMPUS



## July

THURSDAY, JULY 7  
BARLOW PLANETARIUM AND HIGH CLIFF



THURSDAY, JULY 14  
BAY BEACH



THURSDAY, JULY 21  
MINI GOLF AND POLLOCK POOL

THURSDAY, JULY 28  
LEDGE VIEW NATURE CENTER



## August

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3  
WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLERS



THURSDAY, FRIDAY AUG 10-12  
LEADERSHIP CAMPING TRIP  
(by invitation only)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18  
MILWAUKEE ZOO



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25  
GREAT AMERICA

*Scholarships are available for all field trips. Talk to any staff member.*