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## Calendar

### APRIL 2009

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### SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

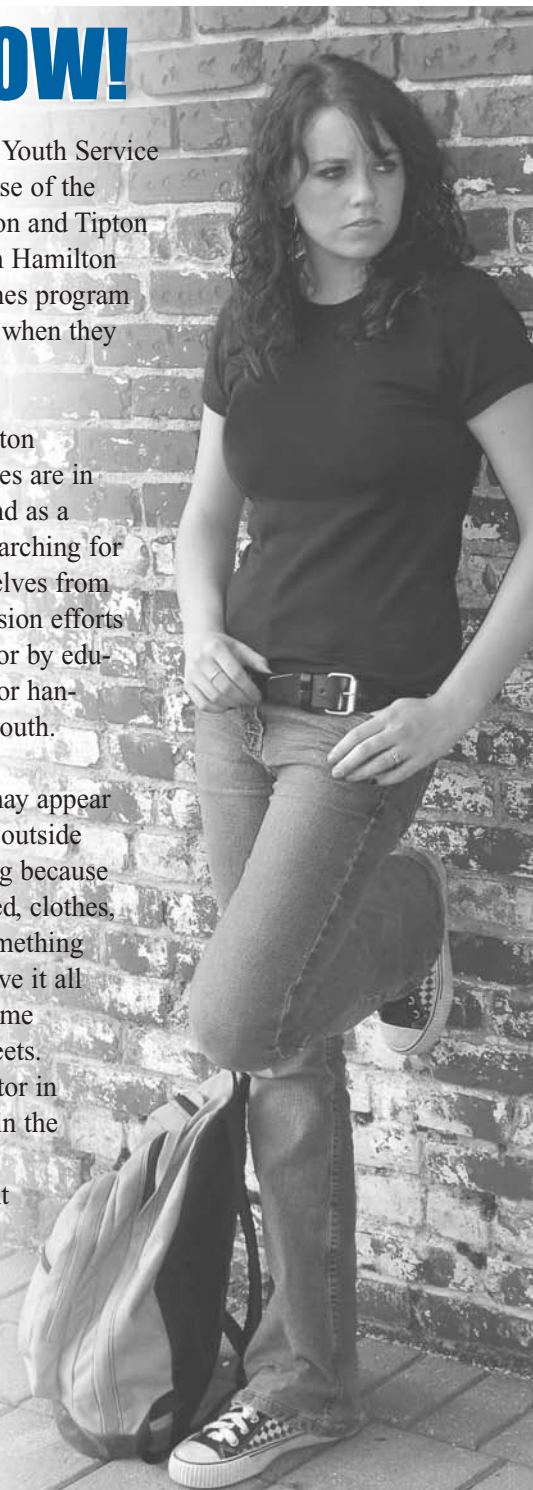
“Shaken Not Stirred” Martini Party  
 at the Ritz Charles

## HERE WE GROW!

Exciting! Awesome! Hamilton Centers Youth Service Bureau is overwhelmed with joy because of the expansion of their services into Madison and Tipton Counties while increasing awareness in Hamilton County. The Safe Place and Host Homes program is growing in its efforts to assist youth when they are in a crisis situation.

So, one may ask why Madison and Tipton Counties? Madison and Tipton Counties are in close proximity to Hamilton County and as a result, youth may cross county lines searching for safety or attempting to distance themselves from their current crisis. Overall, the expansion efforts are an attempt to decrease such behavior by educating the community on alternatives for handling crises and extending support to youth.

What makes a child leave from what may appear to be a perfect environment? From the outside looking in, one questions what is wrong because what they see is that the youth has a bed, clothes, food, shoes, and stable shelter. But something goes awry and the youth decides to leave it all behind to live in perhaps a different home nightly (“couch surfing”) or on the streets. There are many scenarios that may factor in and cause family disruption, resulting in the youth leaving home: it may be that a parent(s) was laid off, maybe the parent is using drugs, the family has been evicted; the youth got an unexpected bad grade and does not want to inform he/she’s parents, or it simply may be that the child does not want to follow the rules of the household anymore. Unfortunately, no family is



*Thank you to all of the groups that volunteered at the houses to help with painting, yard work, moving furniture and much, much more!*  
 August Mack Environmental,  
 Liberty Mutual,  
 ITT Educational Services,  
 Northview Christian Life,  
 Sallie Mae,  
 The Well, and  
 Wabash Alumni Day

## HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

Each service of  
 Hamilton Centers  
 Youth Service Bureau, Inc  
 has a wish list on our website  
[www.hcysb.org](http://www.hcysb.org)

### WELCOME NEW STAFF:

Promising Futures Youth Supervisors  
 Taylor Wilburn  
 Mary Beth Carlson  
 Safe Place & Host Homes Coordinator  
 Lisa Bellamy  
 Family Access Center Coordinator  
 Marli Hamm

Welcome new staff

Thank you to Sponsors & Donors

Holiday Wish Lists

Here We Grow

## In this issue

Hamilton Centers Youth Service Bureau, Inc. provides programs to meet the physical, social, emotional, educational and self-discovery needs of troubled and at risk youth and families of Hamilton and surrounding counties.

## Mission Statement





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exempt from family problems.

Imagine this scenario. The morning alarm clock sounds to arise Mr. Smith out of bed to get

showered and dressed in preparation for work. Mr. Smith drives the car to work, notices disruption in the company parking lot, only to discover that the doors to the company are locked. As he reaches the door, there is a note, which provides a brief explanation along with a sorry. In horror, thoughts run amuck. The likely first thought is of the family. How will they be fed? Who will buy their clothes? How long will the medical insurance last? What about the current home situation? So, while stuck in this whirlwind, a decision is made to go to the local bar which results in a drunken outcome. Now realizing it is getting late, it is necessary to return home. Upon arrival, the children are screaming they are hungry. The anger, but mostly hurt, surfaces and in not knowing how to deal with the emotions, shouting ensues and the family is in a quandary. Susie the oldest child, uncertain in how to handle this matter, blames herself and calls a friend and asks if she can stay with them for a while. Susie does not know how to cope with the emotional imbalance, so decides to not tell anyone. She just goes from home to home to prevent from having to tell someone what the problem is. She just want to act like all is normal.

Consider another circumstance before Paul goes to bed every night, he hears his parents shouting at each other. Paul realizes that they are arguing about him. This is a step-family. The step-mother does not get along with Paul and wants him to leave. Paul believes that things will be better for his siblings and family, if he does. Due to this belief, he leaves which results in another youth without stable living arrangements.

To add insult to injury, Tipton and Madison Counties lack social service agencies that provide emergency services to youth like shelter or emergency transportation and with out Safe Place & Host Homes Hamilton County wouldn't have those services either. Often times, these problems are being left up to law enforcement and school professionals to resolve; however, some of these issues may be too crisis-oriented and burdensome for law enforcement and school systems. Such risk factors increase the likelihood for the youth to be homeless, runaway, juvenile delinquent, or apprehensive to consult with an adult for fear of retribution from police or school systems.

The Safe Place & Host Homes programs' intentions are to fill the gaps in service for youth in Hamilton, Madison, and Tipton Counties. Our efforts will give youth another avenue to feel comfortable to discuss their issues, decrease the possibilities of homelessness, and provide them safe places to stay while the Safe Place & Host Homes Coordinator works with the family to resolve conflict and reunifies the family.

Accordingly community education and outreach is being heightened in Madison, Tipton, and Hamilton Counties because no family is exempt from family difficulties. It is important that as many residents and youth understand and know that there are alternatives to the crises they may be experiencing or observing in their community. Every youth should have an opportunity to know that there are people who care about them and their futures. Hence, our expansion efforts will be diligent in increasing the knowledge of the school systems, law enforcement, social service agencies, and the community at-large. Most importantly, The Safe Place and Host Homes Program wants every youth to know there are alternatives to living from house to house or on the streets.

### Thank you to our "Shaken Not Stirred" Martini Party sponsors, live & silent auction donors:

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# SECOND ANNUAL "SHAKEN NOT STIRRED" MARTINI PARTY

Our second annual signature event "Shaken Not Stirred" Martini Party was held September 25, 2008 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. This event benefits the Promising Futures program.

The VIP Party held in the Garden Pavilion, where **Billy Keller**, a former professional basketball player and an experienced instructor was our special guest. Billy mingled with the guests while they listened to live piano music, sipped on martinis provided by **Ciroc** and ate appetizers by **Sodexo Food Services**. **Rick Dawson** from **Wish TV Channel 8** was our Master of Ceremonies for the whole event.

The main event featured area restaurants and bars in a competition for the titles of "Best Martini", "Best Appetizer" and "Best of Show". Guest sampled martinis and appetizers and voted for their favorite, while enjoying a live jazz band. **Mudsock's Grill** in Noblesville took home the trophy for the "Best Martini" for their Blueberry Martini, **Majors** in Carmel won the award for "Best Appetizer" with their Thai Beef appetizer. **Longhorn Steakhouse** in Carmel was crowned "Best of Show" for their display. The event was topped off with wonderful speakers, **Stephanie Lyons**, Executive Director and a participant from Promising Futures, helping the audience understand what the program offers and how it makes a difference in the community. **Rick Dawson** and **Brian Bailey**, Auctioneer closed the evening with an exciting live auction.

A very Special Thank You & Congratulations to the committee that worked endless hours to make this event not only fun, but a huge success. Co-chairs, **Joyce Wood & Sarah Estell**, Committee members: **John & Christy Buis**, **Betty Vandivier**, **Robin Werth**, and **Michele Wheelchel**.

To the restaurants that participated in the event, thank you for helping make the night special: **Abuelo's**-Carmel, **Bar Louie**- Carmel, **Café Nora**- Indianapolis, **Ciroc**, (National Wines & Spirits), **D'Vine A Wine Bar**- Indianapolis, **Fionn McCool's**-Fishers, **Fleming's Steak House**- Indianapolis, **Heavenly Sweets**-Noblesville, **Higher Ground**- Fishers, **Home Made Gourmet** (Mikki Perrine), **Keltie's**- Westfield, **Longhorn Steakhouse**-Carmel, **Majors**- Carmel, **Mudsock's**-Noblesville, **Pikk's Tavern**-Indianapolis, **Sodexo**-Riverview Hospital. The next time you go out, please choose one of these restaurants and bars to visit.

Thank you to all of the people who attended the event, helping to make it a true success. See you next year on September 24, 2009 at the Ritz Charles for our 3rd annual "Shaken Not Stirred" Martini Party!



*Longhorn Steakhouse  
Best of Show,  
Jen Carey*



*Mudsock's Grill  
Best Martini,  
Curtis Parker*

*Majors,  
Best Appetizer,  
Ashley Williams*

