

# Helping Hands of Hamilton Centers



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## Calendar

**AUGUST 28, 2008**

Corn Hole Tournament  
at Fionn Mac Cool's

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

“Shaken Not Stirred”  
Martini Party  
at the Ritz Charles

**NOVEMBER 15, 2008**

Hamilton Centers Auxiliary  
Fall Bazaar  
at Forest Park

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*Please see our website,  
[www.hcysb.org](http://www.hcysb.org) for information  
on our “Shaken Not Stirred”  
Martini Party.*

## PROMISING FUTURES



Susie, Karen, Sally, and Jill are teenagers from different backgrounds and families. They have two things in common: they have found themselves pregnant and/or parenting a baby, and they have a community, volunteers, donors, a Board of Directors, and staff that have diligently worked these past two years on a program for them.... giving them an opportunity for a promising future.

The Promising Futures program opened in June, thanks to the Board of Directors and the staff that dared to dream of a new program that would help these teens. Thank you to the volunteers, donors, agencies, companies and churches that banded together to make this a reality. Hamilton Centers Youth Service

Bureau, Inc (HCSYB) has been working on this program since August 2006.

Promising Futures, a program for pregnant and parenting teens has two program components: residential and community based. The program is currently accepting community-based clients from Central Indiana and will provide residential services for pregnant or parenting youth from throughout the State of Indiana. Adolescent girls through age 19, who are pregnant or parenting, are eligible for the program. Participants can remain in the program for 18 months.

Promising Futures provides comprehensive services designed to help pregnant

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and parenting teens graduate from high school or obtain a GED, have a healthy baby, increase the knowledge and practice of positive, appropriate parenting skills, prevent future pregnancies, and plan for their and their babies' futures. In order to meet these goals, HCYSB is partnering with other service providers in the community to offer comprehensive services that meet the unique and individual needs of the youth. Services provided to all Promising Futures participants include formal education, family team meetings, healthcare management, prenatal classes, case management, clinical services, parenting and educational programming, and relationship skills education. Other activities and opportunities are available through our partner agencies or by referrals. Referrals for Promising Futures can be made by healthcare professionals, schools, community agencies, parents, family member, friend, or by the teen.

The Promising Futures program is supported by an advisory council comprised of social service agency members, schools, clergy, a teenage parent, a mother of a teen parent, Health Department employees and medical professionals.

During the past month, residential and community based participants have been enrolled. These teens are diligently working on enrolling in GED programs, or preparing for high school, looking for part-time jobs, and starting their Independent Living Skills classes. A parenting class and car seat safety class have been scheduled for the upcoming months.

*Sally and Drew came to Promising Futures from the Department of Children Services. They are living in the residential house. Sally is a good mother to Drew, often times the only one who is able to comfort him when he is crying. Sally knows just what he needs. While she loves Drew very much, sometimes*



*Sally is unsure about how to appropriately care for him. Sally has all of the right ideas about parenting and caring for Drew.*

*Sometimes she just needs a little reminder or someone to help her and show her a more appropriate way.*

*One of Sally's goals is to live with Drew's father and be out on her own in the world. Promising Futures is helping Sally with her independent living skills. She is learning about banking and money management, which will help her become a successful person and mother to Drew.*

*In Promising Futures, Sally is enrolled in parenting classes, ILS services, and a GED program. Sally receives the daily supervision in the residential program and is learning how to better care for Drew. She is happy she had somewhere to go when her foster family was unable to continue caring for her. She is looking forward to working towards her goal of living on her own.*



HCYSB is also busy developing the Promising Futures Volunteer program. The program will make extensive use of volunteers to support the services provided by program staff and other community service providers. There are a variety of opportunities available for volunteers. Some of these include being an adult mentor, sharing a hobby, conducting a career workshop, providing transportation, tutoring, and teaching independent living skills to the participants.

**Please call Hamilton Centers Youth Services Bureau or visit our website at [www.hcysb.org](http://www.hcysb.org) for more information and a wish list. Currently, Promising Futures is looking for volunteers, sponsorships, and community partners.**

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 Welcome to new staff

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