

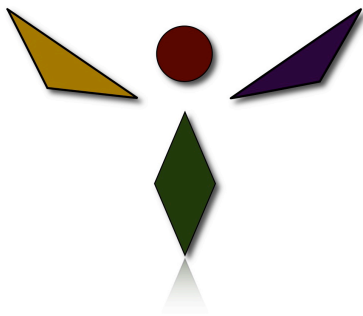
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

“Turkey, Turkey”

Turkey, Turkey
you're good to eat
Turkey, Turkey
I love your meat.
Turkey, Turkey
made with stuffing.
Turkey, Turkey
cooked with loving.
Turkey, Turkey
Thanks to you!



Happy Thanksgiving!

-anonymous



GIVE THANKS

*Here are some of the things we are thankful for this
Holiday Season!*

For so many years I was blind to the pain and suffering of our youth even though I'd suffered as a young person myself. I am so thankful to have an opportunity to make a difference in somebody else's life, and the big bonus is that I get to do this work with my husband, son, daughter-in-law, close friends, and the most amazing group of community volunteers and partners ever! This work is very hard, and it's sometimes difficult to make ends meet, but I would not trade it for anything. I'm thankful that God knows me better than I know me :-)

Iris Archuleta, J.D.

What I'm thankful for.....

I'm thankful for our wonderful YIN Volunteers who give so much of their time for this community, I'm thankful for working with such a great staff at Antioch Unified School District, I'm thankful for our remarkable Chief of Police who continuously supports this work, I'm thankful to Antioch Christian Center and St. John's Lutheran Church for their tremendous support, I'm thankful for our YIN Executive Committee Members commitment, I'm thankful for our DPC trainers who have supported us from the beginning. I'm also thankful for working with such a great team.....Iris, Lesia and Dorian. Most of all, I'm thankful for being a part of something that will be life changing for the youth and families in our community.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Dineen Burdick

"I am gratefully for the kindness and the support of the Antioch community for the families in the Youth Intervention Network."

Chief Jim Hyde, APD.

I am thankful that the Lord has blessed me with such a precious and loving wife, and a brilliant and kind son. I am thankful that the Lord has blessed my son with a wonderful wife and two amazing children. I am thankful that the Lord has called us and so many other caring souls in our community to work alongside Him to heal the brokenhearted, to set free those who are oppressed, and to rebuild what's been broken.

-Keith Archuleta

YIN TIMELINE 2009-2010

July 9, 2009	Family Advocates & Mediators Orientation Meeting
July 20, 2009	Due date for Volunteer Applications
July 23, 2009	Executive Committee Meeting
September 26, 2009	Fundraiser – A Taste of Antioch
September 28-Oct. 2, 2009	DPC Training - Basic 5 Day
October 1, 2009	Referral Process Opens
October 1, 2009	Referral Process Training – AUSD
October 22, 2009	Mediation Practice Session
October 24, 2009	Family Advocate Professional Training - 1 Day
October/November	Receipt of Referral Letters Mailed
October 2009-Feb 2010	Mental Health Training
November 5, 2009	Mediation Practice Session
November 16, 2009	Referral Process Closes
November 19, 2009	Executive Committee Meeting
November 19, 2009	Mediation Practice Session
November 24, 2009	Due date for response to Family Orientation Meeting
December 3, 2009	1 st Family Orientation Meeting – Consent Forms Signed
December 3, 2009	Mediation Practice Session
December 5, 2009	2 nd Family Orientation Meeting – Consent Forms Signed
December 7, 2009	Consent Packets sent to Agencies
December 16, 2009	Due date for requested information from all Agencies
December 17, 2009	Mediation Practice Session
December 18, 2009	Referral Packets Distributed to YIN Review Panel
January 9-10, 2010	Mediation Practice Session – Final Preparation & Assignments
January 21, 2010	Review Panel – Make Recommendations
January 22-24, 2010	DPC 3 Day mentorship Training – AUSD
January 28, 2010	Final Selection of YIN Youths/Families by Co-Chairs
February 1, 2010	Due date for background checks for all Volunteers
February 2, 2010	First Round of Rejection Letters & Acceptance Letters Mailed
February 4, 2010	Executive Committee Meeting
February 15, 2010	Due date for Family Acceptance Letter
February 19, 2010	Family Advocates & Mediation Team Selected
February 20, 2010	YIN Families - Workshop
February 20, 2010	Due date for Confidentiality Agreements for Family Advocates & Mediation Team
February 27, 2010	Induction Meeting – Families meet their Mediation Team
April-Aug 2010	Youth & Parents Sign the YIN Formal Agreement
March 6, 2010	Induction Meeting – Families meet their Mediation Team
March 8-12, 2010	DPC Training - Basic 5 Day
March 31, 2010	Due date for scheduling Stage I Mediation
Spring 2010	Law Academy Training-Pilot Rollout for Fall Curriculum
April 14, 2010	Executive Committee Meeting
July 22, 2010	Executive Committee Meeting



Tutors Needed

Know anybody that wants to tutor high school students in the YIN? Please contact Lesia Bell at Lesia@emeraldconsulting.com or 925-301-5893 with names and contact information, or for more information.



YIN WISH LIST

We are praying and wishing for:

- Office Space
- More Donors
- And As Always:
- More Family Advocates
- Tutors
- Mentors
- Mediators

Attention Everyone!

Three in a row! Savannah is on a roll. This piece says a lot about friendship, and what it means to be a friend. Be thankful for the friends you have and cherish them. Friendships need to be tended to like gardens, when you love them they grow. Say "Good Job Savannah" by emailing me at: dorian@emeraldconsulting.com

I WANT YOU BACK

I remember when we were the best of friends
 You and I, we would always be in support
 The best of friends for two years, but not now
 I now miss you, and wish you would come back.

When we were first became friends, you were funny
 We would play video, and I would always win and gloat
 As much as we were made fun of, we stuck together.
 I thought it would last forever.

The next year came, and we started to grow apart
 I did not stick up for you when others put you down
 Deep in my mind, I wanted to speak out and defend you
 Even when it meant losing others for the sake of you.

Now, two years later, I write this deeply saddened
 Missing you and wanting you back
 Our friendship gone, you still in my mind.
 Dreams flood my mind.

You are now away, far away
 Where I can't see you or be in your sight
 I regret my selfishness to you
 I only want you back.

by: Savannah C.
 Dozier-Libbey Medical High School

I Write U Read

Dear God, Thanks!

Thanks for keeping me alive when I was born a little early.
 Thanks for saving me from meningitis when I was still just a baby.
 Thanks for keeping me safe when I toddled recklessly.
 Thanks for the man who found me when I walked off.
 Thanks for helping me survive San Francisco:
 The Quake
 The People
 The Influences
 The Peer Pressures
 The BART
 Thanks for moving us away.
 Thanks for Mom finding you!
 Thanks for letting my biological father disappear
 Thanks for my REAL Dad appearing
 Thanks for Arkansas and the lessons learned:
 There is real Poverty in America
 Gangs are everywhere
 There is safety in numbers, but there is power in standing alone
 Ma'am and Sir will get you far when addressing anyone
 Thanks for moving me back to California
 Thanks for High School in Hayward
 Thanks for the friends I wouldn't have found elsewhere
 Thanks for all the fights
 Thanks for showing me I don't want to fight anymore
 Thanks for all the school house fun
 Thanks for the Block System so I could Graduate
 Thanks for that short time at Southern University
 Thanks for getting me home in one piece

Thanks for showing me how drink and temper was ruining me
 Thanks for the military
 Thanks for Germany and a new view of the world
 Thanks for my son Nayan
 Thanks for my youngest son Payne
 Thanks for helping me through his death
 Thanks for letting me see him
 Thanks for my wife:
 My Best Friend
 My Love
 My Confidant
 My Partner
 Thanks for A.A and N.A.
 Thanks for breaking me down to build me up
 Thanks for building me better, stronger, faster and smarter
 Thanks for the Joy
 Thanks for the Pain
 Thanks for this work
 Thanks for Life.

Whatever your life is it's yours and its a gift.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Make sure to check out the next issue Dec. 8, 2009