

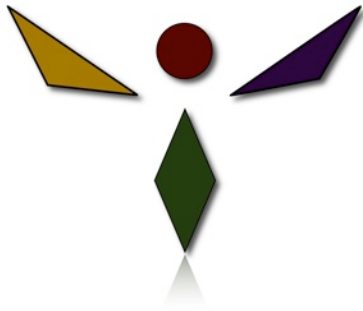
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YOUTH AND FAMILY

From The Desk of Lesia Bell:

Happy Holidays!

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I can't believe 2010 is just around the corner! May this New Year be full of love, peace and encouragement for each of us. May our health be better than ever. May our families get closer to each other than ever before. May our youth make better choices in 2010 than they did in 2009. May those who have lost their jobs, find a better one. Those who have lost their home, may they find a better and more affordable one. May our community begin to function like a family and care for each other.

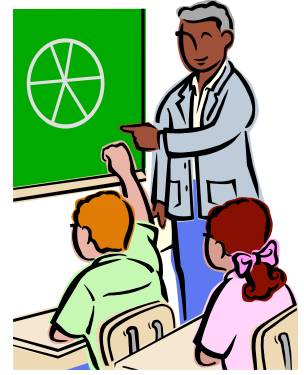
I wish you all the best!

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*Updates from Dineen:**Status of our 2010 YIN Referral process:*

- YIN Family Orientation Meetings were held on December 3rd and 5th, 2009. A total of 23 families attended. 22 Families have signed consents and are moving forward for a total number of 29 youths.
- Consent forms were hand delivered to our 4 partners (Antioch Police Department, Contra Costa County Children & Family Services, Antioch Unified School District and Sutter Delta Medical Center). We had one outstanding consent form that needed parent approval.
- Received parent approval on final consent form and it was mailed to our 3 partners and hand delivered to Antioch Unified School District.
- 14 rejection letters addressed to the youth's parents stating reason for the rejection (did not attend mandatory orientation meeting, received referral after deadline, etc.) were mailed on December 9, 2009.
- Copies of parent's rejections letters were delivered on December 9th to the Antioch Unified School District and sent through their mail system. Notifying the referring party (principals, teachers, etc.) that their referral was rejected and why.

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.

***What's Next.....***

- Requested documentation from our 4 partners is due by December 16, 2009.
- Prepare packets for our review panel members
- Deliver packets to our review panel members on December 18, 2009.

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YIN WISH LIST

We are praying and wishing for:

- Office Space
- More Donors

And As Always:

- More Family Advocates
- Tutors
- Mentors
- Mediators

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

I attended a meeting recently, and what I saw there made me smile. People from our community came together of their own volition to try and create a tutoring / mentorship program for some students who really could use the support. It's still in the planning stages so I won't say too much, but what I will say is, that if you are looking for a way to give back, and you want to directly impact the lives of students in Antioch, this may be your calling. If you want more details please contact me and get in the know!

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UWRITE WEREADWHAT FRIENDS DO

I stand by you now with tears in my eyes
 You would comfort me with the slightest word
 But today, you can't.

I remember years before when we would play
 We would run through the neighborhood and cause mayhem
 Our neighbors would scream at us to go away
 But that is what friends do.

My mind comes to the best moment of our friendship
 I was crying, but you comforted me with your love.
 Today, I am crying, but you can't be with me
 You left me without a warning.

Looking down on your grave today
 I see everything we did together
 It was all fun and games
 Because that is what friends do.

by: Savannah C.

Dozier-Libbey Medical High School


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Worth

I know this is the season of thanks, and I will be sure to include something along that line, but for now...

I was watching television not too long ago and I saw a few things that disturbed me. The content of course was appalling, but what really shook me was the way it was packaged as acceptable. Mostly what I'm talking about are the celebrity dating shows. For The Love of Ray J, to be exact. All of them are pretty messed up, but I just happened to hear what I heard on that one.

It was the first episode and the girls had to each spend some time with Ray J so that he could get a first impression. Needless to say, for the most part none of the girls tried to impress him with their brains, or bible drill speed. During one segment, he actually met a girl who told him she was celibate. Congratulations! Right? I think NOT! She goes on for the rest of the episode crying and feeling bad for herself, because she knows Ray wont pick her. She actually says "I can't believe I told him that! He wont like me!".

WOW! Are you serious!

Of course the other girls in the house reinforce for her how "stupid" she is until the "Elimination Ceremony". Oh, and at the end of the episode she *does* get picked... LAST, and is told basically that her celibacy is the reason. People the premise of this show is to find "love". What is the message media is trying to send your kids about the worth of women. What is media trying to tell your kids about love? More important what are we telling our kids?

The kind of message that says to our kids that a woman is only worth what and how much she puts out, is the same message that says she's worthless for not. The boys and men who raped that girl in Richmond had no knowledge of a woman's worth and they sure weren't learning it watching anything on T.V.. Oh, and I just thought of what to say about being thankful...

I'm thankful I saw that show, and that I have enough heads up to make sure my daughter never goes on it or anything like it.

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Make sure to check out the next issue the last week of December!