

TLP e-newsletter

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Get Involved

Ice Skating

Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join TLP youth and staff for ice skating at Grant Park (337 E. Randolph) at **6:30 p.m. Dec. 18.**

Contact
Nia Tavoularis
for more information.

Gala Committee Meeting

Jan. 8, 6 p.m.

[TLP's Annual Gala](#) wouldn't be possible without a lot of hard work and dedication by the volunteers on our gala committee!

Dear Nia,

Join [Teen Living Programs](#) next Tuesday for the broadcast of "[In the Loop with iVillage](#)" - TLP staff, youth, and volunteers will be the featured audience members on the Dec. 18 show. If you're interested in attending, contact [Lisa Rummler](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 226. And be sure to tune in to NBC 5 at 11 a.m. Tuesday!

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)



It's amazing how far a little gift can go.

Recently, a staff member's young daughter decided to make construction paper snowflakes for TLP youth. Upon receiving the snowflakes, the youth thought they would be excellent decorations for Belfort House, but they took it one step further: They added their own artistic touches, tie-dying some snowflakes, adding glitter to others, etc.

This demonstrates what the youth we serve can do with the gifts they receive - they can mold it into something great. And it doesn't stop with construction paper snowflakes. Every day, thanks to your generosity, TLP youth take steps toward becoming independent and self-sufficient, which is a gift unto itself.

See below for a list of ways to [contribute to Teen Living Programs](#), and just think about how the youth we serve will do something great with *your* gift.

If you're interested in helping this year, please join us at the next committee meeting
6 p.m. Jan. 8.

Contact
[Pilara Felgate](#)
for more information.

Community Dinner
Jan. 17, 5 p.m.

Enjoy a tasty meal with TLP staff and youth, prepared at Belfort House
5 p.m. Jan. 17.

Contact
[Nia Tavoularis](#)
for more information.

UIC Flames Men's Basketball Game
Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

Cheer on the University of Illinois-Chicago men's basketball team with TLP youth! The game is **7 p.m. Jan. 31** at the UIC Pavilion (525 S. Racine).

Contact
[Nia Tavoularis](#)
for more information.

Join Our Mailing List!

Ways to Give

Making a Donation Can be Just a Click Away

The holiday season is just around the corner, but there is still time to [give a gift to Teen Living Programs](#). From simple Internet searches to sending a check, there are many ways you can help the youth TLP serves this year (and into 2008).

1. Write a Check to the TLP Fund

Don't forget that the end of the tax year is approaching - if you're considering making a donation to [Teen Living Programs](#), there might be a significant tax advantage to doing so by Dec. 31. Donations to the TLP Fund are critical to ensuring youth get the services they need to succeed. These donations also support operations such as paying the mortgage and keeping the lights on. Please consider a charitable contribution to TLP this holiday season, perhaps making a donation in someone's name. This is a thoughtful, generous gift for a loved one, as well as the youth TLP serves.

2. Donate to TLP's Youth Gift Drive

It is thanks to donors' generosity that TLP youth enjoy a holiday filled with happiness, a sense of community, and, of course, presents. To find out how to participate in the holiday gift drive, contact [Nia Tavoularis, director of development](#), at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.



3. Shop Online

What if you could donate to Teen Living Programs just by shopping online? With [GoodShop.com](#), you can. Just enter Teen Living Programs as your charity of choice, click on the "GoodShop" icon, choose the participating merchant (such as Target, Gap, and Best Buy), and shop away! With every purchase you make through [GoodShop.com](#), a portion of the proceeds (0.5 to 37.5 percent) goes to TLP.

4. Conduct an Internet Search

It's the same premise as GoodShop.com but even simpler - go to [GoodSearch.com](#), select Teen Living Programs as your charity of choice, type a word or phrase into the search engine and click "Search." Every query generates a donation.

5. Join TLP for a TV Show Appearance

TLP will make an appearance on the national TV show "[In the Loop with iVillage](#)" next Tuesday, Dec. 18. We have been invited to be the featured audience members on for that day's show, which airs at 11 a.m. on NBC 5. The show's hosts will mention TLP on air, and they will likely give a synopsis of TLP's mission. If you're interested in being in the audience with TLP staff, youth and volunteers, contact [Lisa Rummler, public relations manager](#), at 312-568-5700, ext. 226.

Youth News

CaSSA Graduations

TLP celebrated milestones for two youth in late November: Sabrina became the 10th TLP youth to graduate from CaSSA (TLP's clustered and scattered-site apartment program), and Angelee graduated from [Belfort House](#) into [CaSSA](#). Friends, family and TLP staff members were on hand to mark the beginning and end of amazing chapters in the lives of both young women. Congratulations, Sabrina and Angelee!



Thanks-for-Giving Celebration



A record number of guests joined TLP staff and youth for a delicious Thanks-for-Giving dinner Nov. 19. Thank you to everyone who stopped by!

Upcoming Events

Gift-Wrapping Party

Do you have scissor skills and a knack for tying bows? Or do you want to hone your gift-wrapping skills? In either case, join TLP staff members and volunteers Wednesday, Dec. 19, for an evening of fun while we wrap presents for TLP youth. Send an e-mail to [Nia Tavoularis](#) or call 312-568-5700, ext. 228, to RSVP. Refreshments will be served.



Give a Gift that Makes a Difference



Looking for the perfect holiday gift?

How about a chance to win \$5,000? What if you could do both while helping an excellent cause?

Teen Living Programs has just the thing: Purchase tickets (\$100 apiece) for our cash raffle.

Don't wait - **only 50 tickets are still available for purchase.**

The drawing will take place at the Dream a Bigger Dream Gala on March 1 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Contact [Pilara Felgate](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225 for more information.

Make sure to save the date: **March 1 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.** We hope to see you there!

Recent Grants

Thank you to the George M. Eisenberg Foundation, the Col. Stanley R. McNeil Foundation, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice

Foundation, as well as Target Group Inc. and The Granite Companies, for your recent grant in support of Teen Living Programs!

The George M. Eisenberg Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs a grant of \$5,000. Thank you for your continued support!

The Col. Stanley R. McNeil Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs a grant of \$15,000 in support of our Whole Health program. Thank you for your continued support!

The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs a grant of \$2,500 in support of our Stable Housing program. Thank you for your continued support!

Target Group Inc. and The Granite Companies have raised \$5,000 to Teen Living Programs through its annual holiday reception. Thank you for your generous contribution!

Donate Now

Donations to Teen Living Programs are tax-deductible as charitable contributions and can be made with a check, by a transfer of stock, or online with a credit card.

Note: Online donations ARE eligible for Matching Gift Programs. Just mail TLP the paperwork and we'll take it from there.

Checks should be made payable to **Teen Living Programs** and can be mailed to:

Teen Living Programs
162 W. Hubbard
Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60610-4524

or visit our [Web site](#) to make a secure online donation.

Questions? Call [Nia Tavoularis](#), director of development, at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.

Thank you for your support!

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