

TLP e-newsletter

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Gala Committee Meeting

Feb. 4, 6 p.m.

[TLP's Annual Gala](#) is about a month away, but we still need volunteers for our gala committee!

If you're interested in helping this year, please join us at the next committee meeting
6 p.m. Feb. 4.

TLP Associates Meeting

Feb. 11, 6 p.m.

After the regularly scheduled TLPA meeting, we will be making posters for [TLP's Annual Gala](#). Stop by Belfort House

Dear Nia,

RSVP today for [TLP's Annual Dream a Bigger Dream Gala](#) (March 1 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago). In the hotel's [Crystal Ballroom](#), you will enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing, with a beautiful view of Tribune Tower and the Wrigley Building - all for an excellent cause. To RSVP or for more information, contact [Nia Tavoularis](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)

If 2007 is any indication of things to come, 2008 is shaping up to be an excellent year for [Teen Living Programs](#).

Last year, we added important programming. Specifically, we launched the culinary nutrition component of our [Whole Health program](#). In doing so, we hired a culinary nutritionist, who teaches youth how to shop for and prepare nutritious food in hands-on sessions. These sessions help the youth we serve better draw a line between good eating habits and good health.

In 2007, TLP fully launched a campaign to build a new Belfort House. We have raised more than \$2 million, which puts us past the one-third mark for our fundraising goal.

But our most important achievement for 2007 is everything TLP youth accomplished: graduating from [Belfort House](#) or [CaSSA](#), enrolling in GED classes, earning a high school diploma, starting



6 p.m. Feb. 11.

TLP Community Meeting
Feb. 21, 5 p.m.

Enjoy dinner at [Belfort House](#) and learn about the latest goings-on throughout the TLP community
5 p.m. Feb. 21.

Contact [Pilara Felgate](#) for more information about any of these meetings.

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college, obtaining employment, etc.

Indeed, 2007 was a great year for TLP, and we are excited to build on everything we accomplished. I hope you will continue to [keep the momentum going!](#)

Youth News



Belfort House Graduation

October 2007 was a big month for Nick, as he was the subject of an [article in The New York Times](#). It couldn't compare with January 2008, though, when Nick started college - and graduated into [CaSSA!](#) Friends, former teachers, mentors, TLP staff, and youth celebrated Nick's graduation Jan. 16. Congratulations, Nick, for all you have achieved!

2007 Youth Holiday Party

There were many smiles and a lot of crumpled wrapping paper at TLP's holiday party Dec. 20. Thanks to generous donors at the American Health Information Management Association, Clear Channel Communications, Jackson Hewitt, United Airlines, Unitarian Church of Evanston, Walgreens (Community Investment Division), Wal-Mart, and other generous individuals, [TLP youth](#) enjoyed an evening of community and presents (wrapped by a team of dedicated volunteers). Thank you to everyone who helped!



Upcoming Events

2008 Annual Dream a Bigger Dream Gala



As mentioned above, the [Annual Dream a Bigger Dream Gala](#) is just four weeks away! Tickets are on sale for \$250 apiece. To RSVP, or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact [Nia Tavoularis](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.

Please join TLP for dinner and dancing, starting at 6 p.m. March 1 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago's [Crystal Ballroom](#).

As you sip cocktails and enjoy a lovely view of Tribune Tower and the Wrigley Building, you can bid on items in our silent auction (such as the Diamond Suite at U.S. Cellular Field for a White Sox game, a weekend at a cabin in Whitewater, Wis., and a Nintendo Wii). You also will have the opportunity to meet some of the youth TLP serves.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of TLP's [2008 Annual Dream a Bigger Dream Gala](#). It is shaping up to be our best yet, in no small part because of a first-time \$50,000 challenge grant from the Mulvihill Family Foundation; this generous donation is encouraging new supporters. (For more information, please see the "Recent Grants" section below.)

If you can't make it to the [Annual Gala](#) - or if you want to show your support before the event - you can purchase raffle tickets for \$100 apiece. Each ticket is a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000, and only 250 will be sold! For more information, contact [Pilara Felgate](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

Recent Grants

Thank you, Houlsby Foundation, Mulvihill Family Foundation, and an anonymous corporation, for your recent grants in support of Teen Living Programs!

The Houlsby Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs a three-year \$75,000 grant to fully launch our aftercare program,

Shoulder-to-Shoulder. Thank you, Houlsby Foundation, for your continued support and partnership!

The Mulvihill Family Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs a \$50,000 challenge grant for our Annual Dream a Bigger Dream Gala - it has offered to match every new or increased sponsorship commitment, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Thank you, Mulvihill Family Foundation, for this exciting opportunity and your continued support!

An anonymous corporation has awarded Teen Living Programs \$20,000 for general operating costs. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

[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
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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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