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Get Involved

Want to attend one of the meetings or events below? Please contact [Emily Krisciunas](#) for more information!

[Community Meeting](#)

Join us for our monthly community meeting, with special guests from Ceasefire and CAPS. Stay afterward for an ice cream social to bid farewell to Nia and welcome Sean. **Thursday, August 19th at 5:00 p.m. at Belfort House.**

[Auxiliary Board Guest Bartender Night](#)

Support Aux Board members as they work the bar at [Vaughn's Pub](#) in Lakeview. Half of the proceeds go to TLP! **Monday, August 23rd from 7-9 p.m.**

[TLP Golf Outing](#)

Join us for the annual golf outing at Ruffled Feathers on **Friday, September 10th.**

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Dear Emily,

In this issue: read about exciting [transitions](#) at TLP, mark your calendars for the [Chairman's Golf Outing](#) and [Belfort House Ribbon Cutting](#), and see pictures from the youth and Auxiliary Board canoe trip as well as the Auxiliary Board's [TLP on Tap!](#)

From the Executive Director's Desk

By Jeri Linas

Dear Friends,

This summer is host to many celebrations and transitions at Teen Living Programs!

In July, we celebrated Ebony's graduation from [Belfort House](#), TLP's transitional living program, into her own apartment through CaSSA. We hope you'll read more about [Ebony's amazing accomplishments](#) in the article below.



Later this month, we will be celebrating a major transition in our [Agency Leadership Team](#). Nia Tavoularis, our Director of Development for more than four years, will be leaving her position in a few weeks. With Nia's departure, we look forward to welcoming Sean Smith, who comes to us with nearly ten years of development experience. We invite you to join us in sending off Nia and welcoming Sean to the TLP community at our August community meeting -- where we will also have a special presentation from CAPS and Ceasefire about community violence. Please read the article below for details about the [meeting, our special guests, and our farewell/welcome ice cream social](#) following the meeting.

Finally, the celebrations continue into September, when we will officially commemorate our new Belfort House facility with a [ribbon-cutting ceremony](#). Please read on for more details about this exciting event.

Warmly,

Jeri Lynch Linas
Executive Director

PS: The Golf Outing is just four weeks away -- read on to see how you can [reserve your tickets today!](#)

Ebony's Graduation

Belfort resident graduates into CaSSA



On July 28th, TLP celebrated the graduation of Ebony, a Belfort House resident, from Belfort House into CaSSA.

Ebony came to [Belfort House](#) about a year ago. During her



time with the transitional living program, she was very involved with [recreation activities](#), including the annual camping trip. Staff describe her as a responsible, hard-working, self-motivated young woman who loves to read.

Upon graduating from Belfort House, Ebony was accepted into [CaSSA](#), TLP's independent living program. She recently moved into her CaSSA apartment, and is preparing to start her second semester of college, with goals of pursuing a degree in child development. She is also doing vocational training and a six-week internship arranged with the support of TLP's employment coordinator.

Congratulations, Ebony!

Belfort House Ribbon Cutting

Save the date for a special ribbon cutting ceremony

We are thrilled to announce that on Monday, September 20th, we will officially celebrate the completion of the new Belfort House with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Not only did this beautiful residential facility increase our capacity to serve youth who are homeless, but it is modern, efficient, durable -- and recently won a design award from the [Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute!](#)

Please join us for presentations, tours, and a reception -- hosted by TLP, [Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture](#), and [Summit Design + Build](#) -- and help celebrate this milestone. The open house will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the ribbon cutting ceremony taking place at 6:00 p.m.



Photography: Patsy McEnroe

Interested in attending the Ribbon Cutting? Please contact [Emily Krisciunas](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225, or via email.

Belfort House Canoe Trip

TLP Youth and Auxiliary Board Paddle the Chicago River

Adventurous youth, Auxiliary Board members, and staff ventured on a canoe trip down the Chicago River on July 20th. Britt Hodgdon, TLP's Recreation Specialist, said the eight youth who joined were "giddy and proud that they'd done something they were afraid to try." But they worked together and acted as leaders while they paddled their canoes past herons and egrets.



Such recreational events are planned and attended by Auxiliary Board members and funded by generous donors. These events provide youth with fun learning experiences and an opportunity to try new things.

Check out more photos from the canoe trip on [TLP's Facebook page](#).



Interested in helping plan a youth recreational activity with the Auxiliary Board? Please contact [Emily Krisciunas](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225, or via email.

2nd Annual TLP on Tap Success!

Auxiliary Board Event Raises \$8,000 for Teen Living

Congratulations to the [Auxiliary Board](#) for another successful *TLP on Tap!* TLP's young professionals hosted nearly 100 guests at Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub on June 11th, and raised \$8,000 for Teen Living Programs.



Each spring, the group hosts an event at a local bar to raise funds and awareness of TLP's critical [programs](#) for Chicago's youth who are homeless. This year's TLP on Tap, held at [Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub](#) on the Chicago River, was yet another huge

success for the board.

Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who attended and helped make the evening possible, especially the following generous donors/sponsors:

- Amazing Edibles
- Bells of Ireland
- Big City Swing
- Burrito Beach
- Chicago White Sox
- Cortiva
- Dana Hotel and Spa
- Dave's Greatest
- Eastern Integrative Health
- Eli's Cheesecake
- Fork & the Road
- The Grill Catering and Delivery
- Jeremy Rewey
- Karyn's on Green
- Marquin Salon
- Mi-La
- Michael & Michael Salon
- Pastoral
- Phillip's Interior Plants
- Punky's Pizza & Pasta
- The Research Engine
- Jonnie Rettele
- Jeremy Rewey
- Rising Realty
- Rosati's Pizza
- Ruffled Feathers
- Smoque BBQ
- StayFIT Wellness Group
- Tap House Grill
- WSCR-AM



Check out [TLP's Facebook page](#) to see more pictures from the event!

Want to help plan the Auxiliary Board's next event? Email [Emily Krisciunas](#) or call 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

TLP Golf Outing Save the Date

3rd Annual Chairman's Golf Outing 4 weeks away

TLP's annual golf outing is coming up soon on Friday, September 10th! We'll be returning to [Ruffled Feathers Golf Club](#) in Lemont for an afternoon of fun and fundraising for Teen Living Programs. We are particularly excited to be honoring [Project RUSH](#) at the outing for their continued support of TLP over the last 20 years.



This year's outing kicks off with a 1:30 shotgun start and includes 18 holes of golf, a boxed lunch, and a post-golf reception with open bar and appetizers.

Individual tickets are \$250 and sponsorships begin at the \$500



level.

If you are interested in participating or have questions about the event, please contact Emily Krisciunas via email, or at 312-568-5700, ext. 225.



Special TLP Community Meeting

Celebrating partnerships and transitions

At TLP, we know that one of the greatest resources we can provide to youth is a healing community. Every month, the entire TLP community -- consisting of youth, staff, board members, partners, and friends -- gathers to share a meal and conversations.



and celebrating a staff transition.

At this month's meeting, on **Thursday, August 19, at 5 p.m.**, we will also be welcoming members of the larger community to join us,

Representatives from [Ceasefire](#) and [CAPS](#) will be joining us for a discussion on community violence in our neighborhood.

Following the meeting, we will be hosting an ice cream social, celebrating a transition in our staff. As Jeri announced above, Sean Smith will be joining our staff as Director of Development, with the departure of Nia Tavoularis after four years of dedicated service. While we are of course sad to see Nia go, we are excited to see Nia take this next step in her career, exploring new



opportunities and focusing her energies on major donor cultivation at a larger institution. Sean brings to TLP nearly 10 years of experience not only developing philanthropic partnerships, but also developing relationships with elected and appointed government officials -- most recently, working with such notable Chicago organizations as [Howard Brown Health Center](#) and the [Museum of Science and Industry](#).

To RSVP for this special community meeting, please email [Emily Krisciunas](#) or call 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

Recent Gifts

Thank you to [Michael Reese Health Trust](#), [The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund](#), [The Chicago Booth](#), [The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation](#), [Irvin Stern Foundation](#), [the Harry F. and Elaine Chaddick Foundation](#), [the TJX Foundation](#), and [Fourth Presbyterian Church](#), for their generous support of Teen Living Programs.

Michael Reese Health Trust awarded TLP \$35,000 in support of our [Whole Health Program](#), helping fund our on-site nurse practitioner and health clinic.

The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund awarded \$25,000 in support of TLP's [mission](#) to help youth who are homeless transition to independence and self-sufficiency.

The **Chicago Booth Giving Something Back** student group raised \$17,130 in support of TLP's [programs](#) through their annual Charity Auction.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation awarded \$15,000 in support of TLP's [Whole Health Program](#), providing health and nutrition services to the youth in our programs.

The **Irvin Stern Foundation** awarded \$10,000 in support of TLP's [programs](#) for youth who are homeless.

The **Harry F. and Elaine Chaddick Foundation** and the **TJX Foundation** each awarded \$5,000 in support of our Stable Housing Program, which includes our **transitional** and **independent living programs, supportive services**, and more.

Fourth Presbyterian Church awarded \$2,500 in support of TLP's **mission** of creating hope and opportunity for youth who are homeless.

Thank you all for your continued support of TLP!

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:

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

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