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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 on **Thursday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m. at Belfort House.**

[Auxiliary Board Meeting](#)

Join TLP's young professionals as they start planning the 2nd annual *TLP on Tap* on **Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at TLP's offices.**

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Dear Emily,

In this issue: see pictures from our [record-breaking Gala](#); share in the excitement of [TLP's National Best Practices recognition](#); and learn about our [end of year campaign](#) in honor of mothers and fathers.

From the Executive Director's Desk

By Jeri Linas

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to write to you today following our most successful *Dream a Bigger Dream* Gala in TLP history! Our 2010 Gala, held on March 6th at the Fairmont Chicago, broke fundraising records across the board.

We raised over \$400,000--nearly \$50,000 more than the 2009 Gala. Some of the event's highlights include:

- \$56,000 raised in ten minutes during the Live Fund-a-Program
- \$90,000 raised with the silent and live auctions (75% more than we raised in 2009)
- 520 guests
- Fantastic music from the Gentlemen of Leisure
- Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez as our Keynote Speaker, and the Mulvihill Family Foundation as our Partner of the Year
- Belfort House graduate Christina as our youth speaker

We are so moved by the generosity of our TLP community at this year's event. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters, and especially to our Gala Committee for making the evening so special. I know you can't wait to see more pictures from the event!

[Visit our photographer's website to view and order photos.](#)

Finally, if you attended the Gala this year, you should have received a follow-up survey on Monday, March 8th. Your feedback is critical to making the Gala bigger and better every year. If you have not yet responded, please consider [taking the survey now](#).

Warmly,

Jeri Linas



Executive Director Jeri Linas



Gentlemen of Leisure



Gala guests on the dance floor

TLP Youth Moves Guests at Gala

CaSSA youth Christina speaks at 2010 Gala

A highlight of this year's Gala was hearing from Christina, [Belfort House](#) graduate and current [CaSSA](#) resident. We are thrilled that she chose to share her story with our guests, and humbled that she considers TLP to have played a role in her success.



Christina's heartfelt and moving speech highlighted her completion of the Belfort House program, and her experience as the first TLP client to be selected for and to complete a professional internship at Accenture through Project Youth Works.

Thank you, Christina, for being an inspiration to our Gala guests and the TLP community!

End of Year Campaign

Support TLP with a gift in honor of Mother's or Father's Day

As our fiscal year comes to a close in June, Teen Living Programs has much to celebrate--a record-breaking Gala and Golf Outing, the launch of our Virtual Volunteer campaign through the Chase Community Giving contest, the one-year anniversary of moving into our beautiful new residential facility, and more.

We anticipate the next fiscal year to be a very challenging one for Teen Living Programs. The proposed state budget suggests that funding for Homeless Youth Programs will again be cut, this time by ten percent, seriously compromising the ability of TLP to continue our critical work.

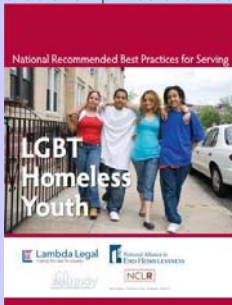


In the spirit of the upcoming family holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day, we hope you will consider making a gift in honor of an important mother or father figure in your life. For so many of Chicago's youth who are homeless, the community of Teen Living Programs is their family.

Keep an eye out for a letter in the mail next month. You can also make a [donation online](#) and we will send you a TLP postcard to personalize and pass along to your honoree.

TLP Receives National Best Practices Recognition

Teen Living Programs has been identified by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) as an organization that exemplifies the National Recommended Best Practices for Serving LGBT Homeless Youth. Only 20 organizations across the country have been selected, and TLP is the only agency in Illinois to receive the honor.



We know that half of the youth we serve self-identify as LGBTQ. TLP is proud to be a place where all youth can be safe and where they can gain the skills necessary to transition from homelessness to independence and self-sufficiency.

[Click here to learn more about the NAEH and the Best](#)

[Practices that TLP have adopted.](#)

Check Presentation from Chase Community Giving Campaign

JPMorgan Chase and Chicago Soup Host Reception for TLP

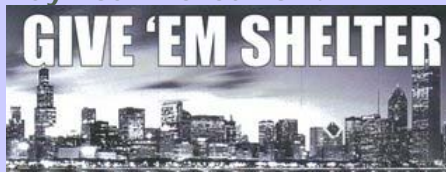
On February 25th, TLP received their \$100,000 check from JPMorgan Chase! At a celebration event in the lobby of the Chase Bank Auditorium downtown, Nia Tavoularis, TLP's Director of Development, was presented with a check by Amy Fahey, President of Middle Market Banking Group for JPMorgan Chase.

This reception also launched TLP's partnership with [Chicago Soup](#), a group of well-connected social media gurus who are rallying their networks to become Virtual Volunteers for TLP.



Thank you, JPMorgan Chase! [Click here](#) to learn about more Virtual Volunteer opportunities!

Buy Your Ticket Now!



Chicago's real estate, design, furniture, and construction industries are gathering for an after-work cocktail event this spring, *Give 'Em Shelter*, to help combat youth homelessness in our city. Hosted by industry leaders, attendance is expected to top at 350.

Tuesday, April 13th, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

District Bar, 170 West Ontario Street

[Individual tickets are \\$50 in advance online](#) or (\$60 at the door) and include open bar and appetizers. Limited sponsorships still available. For more information email emilyk@teenliving.org.

Recent Gifts

Thank you to the Polk Bros Foundation, the Joseph and Bessie Feinberg Foundation, the Hometown America Foundation, and the Coldwell Banker Charitable Foundation for your generous support of Teen Living Programs!

Polk Bros Foundation awarded \$60,000 in support of our stable housing program, which includes the Belfort House transitional living program, the CaSSA independent living program, and Supportive Services for these youth.

The Joseph and Bessie Feinberg Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant to support TLP's mission of creating hope and opportunity for youth who are homeless.

The Hometown America Foundation awarded TLP a \$20,000 grant supporting our stable housing program, funding our three residential programs and supportive services.

The Coldwell Banker Charitable Foundation awarded TLP \$3,000 in support of our critical work for Chicago's 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:

Teen Living Programs
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or visit our [Website](#) to make a secure online donation.

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

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