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## TLP e-newsletter

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### Get Involved

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

#### [Golf Outing Committee](#)

Help plan the 3rd Annual Chairman's Golf Outing on **Tuesday, May 4th at 3:00 p.m.**

#### [Community Meeting](#)

Join us for our monthly community meeting on **Thursday, May 20th at 5:00 p.m. at Belfort House.**

#### [Youth Graduation](#)

Join us for very special evening as we celebrate two amazing young women as they take their next steps toward independence **Wednesday, May 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Belfort House.**

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*Dear Emily,*

*In this issue: see pictures from our [Give em Shelter Event](#); make a gift in honor of a mother or father figure; mark your calendars for [this year's TLP on Tap](#); and find out how [TLP's health program](#) is partnering with organizations across Chicago.*

### From the Executive Director's Desk

*By Jeri Linas*

Dear Friends,

Teen Living Programs has an ambitious vision to become a national thought and practice leader in assisting youth who are homeless become stably housed. Last month we were honored to be identified by the [the National Alliance to End Homelessness \(NAEH\)](#) as an organization that exemplifies the National Recommended Best Practices for serving LGBT Homeless Youth. TLP was one of only 20 organizations across the country, and the only agency in Illinois, to receive this distinction.

This month brings more exciting news about our progress towards realizing our vision. TLP has recently been featured in [The Prevention Researcher](#), a journal focused on adolescent development and at-risk youth. In an article about the transition of homeless youth to self-sufficient adults, Teen Living Programs was described as one of three organizations nationally which addresses the specific needs of young adults in a transitional living program. We are honored to have been selected for this publication and will of course, continue to inform our community of these important achievements.

Warmly,

*Jeri Linas*

TLP's Executive Director

PS: Have you purchased a gift for Mother's day yet? Why not honor her with something truly special, [click here to support TLP with a gift in honor of an important mother](#) figure in your life. For so many of Chicago's youth who are homeless, TLP is a family. Your gift makes a difference.



Executive Director Jeri Linas

### **Give 'Em Shelter Knocks One Home**

*Spring event brings in funds and friends for TLP*

TLP's *Give 'Em Shelter* event on Tuesday, April 13, was a huge success, raising nearly \$35,000



to benefit our [outreach, housing, aftercare and supportive services programs.](#)

Hosted and attended by leaders in Chicago's real estate, design, furniture and construction industries, this after-work cocktail event was held at [District Bar](#) in River North. Nearly 250 guests poured into the packed, open-air bar to enjoy drinks and appetizers and raise awareness of Chicago's homeless youth. [Click here to check out photos from the event on our Facebook page.](#)

A big thank you to [sponsors of this fantastic event](#)-- especially our Platinum sponsors--Turner Construction, Jones Lang LaSalle, Haworth,



and Humanscale. [More than 250 friends attended the event](#). Thank you to everyone who attended for turning this event into an opportunity to help TLP fulfill its mission of creating hope and opportunity for Chicago's youth who are homeless.

### Coldwell Banker Supports TLP

*Check Presentation Ceremony Held at Belfort House*

TLP youth and staff were excited to participate last month in a check presentation ceremony at Belfort House for a \$3,000 donation from the [Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Charitable Foundation.](#)



Coldwell Banker reps with TLP

The Foundation's primary purpose is to raise funds for housing-related causes that directly benefit the needs of people like TLP's youth. Nia Tavoularis, TLP's Director of Development and Communications, said, "We look forward to further collaboration and a continued partnership with the Coldwell Banker Foundation."

***Thank you, Coldwell Banker, for your generous support of Teen Living Programs!***

### Honor Mom with a Gift to TLP

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

In the spirit of the upcoming family holiday of Mother's Day, **we hope you will consider making a gift in honor of an important mother 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 this week. You can also make a [donation online](#) and we will send you a TLP postcard to personalize and pass along to your honoree.

### TLP Hosts Health Fair for Youth

Thursday, April 15, TLP's [whole health program](#) hosted its 2nd annual Health Resource Fair, accessible to all TLP program participants. Organizations that provide free health services, education and referrals from across Chicago gathered at Belfort House to give TLP youth access to information about their programs.

Participating partner organizations included Chicago House, Community Health Clinics.



One youth gets a health exam at TLP's clinic.

Almost 20 youth attended the fair. One youth had this to say about the event, "I think it is so great that people want to come out and tell us the right things to do to take care of ourselves."

Telva Urban, TLP's Nurse Practitioner whose department organized the event, said, "This is a great way we can give TLP youth exposure to all the great resources they have once they have left TLP so they can continue to be healthy, self-sustaining and independent."

Youth participants agreed. "I'm glad I came today. I found out about a lot of programs I didn't know existed," said one health fair attendee.



Health Resource Fair attendees talk with health program representatives.

### 2nd Annual TLP on Tap, June 11th

*Save the Date for the Auxiliary Board don't-miss event!*

Mark your calendars for the Auxiliary Board's 2nd Annual TLP on Tap event at Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub!

Last year's event raised an unprecedented \$12,000 and the over 150 guests had a fantastic time!



**What:** TLP on Tap  
**When:** Thursday, June 11th, 7-10 p.m.

**Where:** Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub, 400 N. McClurg Court

**How do I buy tickets:** Pre-sale tickets will be available soon on the TLP website for \$40. Tickets at the door will be \$50.

*Want to support TLP on Tap with a food donation or as a sponsor? Want to help the Aux Board with the event planning? Email [Emily Krisciunas](#) to get involved.*

### Research Features TLP

The Prevention Researcher, a periodical that deals with successful adolescent development, has published a study conducted around the development of homeless youth and their unique transition to adulthood.

Teen Living Programs offers one of the few programs in the country that operates from a model supported by the

findings from the research conducted by health scientists.

[Read more about the study and TLP's contribution to it here.](#)

### Recent Gifts

*Thank you to the Allianz Foundation for North America, Trust and Sage Foundation for their generous support of Teen Living Programs.*

**Allianz Foundation** awarded \$25,000 in support of our critical work with Chicago's youth who are homeless.

**Sage Foundation** awarded TLP a \$15,000 grant supporting our street outreach program, three residential programs and supportive services.

**The Chicago White Sox Foundation** awarded TLP a \$30,000 grant supporting our stable housing program.

*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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