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Thanks for Giving

Nov. 17, 5 p.m.

TLP appreciates its dedicated, generous volunteers and donors. What's a better way to express our gratitude than with food?

Stop by Belfort House on **Nov. 17, 5 p.m.** to enjoy delicious dishes whipped up by TLP youth, with a little help from the staff.

Please [RSVP](#) today!

CaSSA Graduation

Nov. 28, 5 p.m.

Please join TLP youth and

Dear Nia,

Thanksgiving is a year-round affair at [Teen Living Programs](#). Thank you to our energetic staff, dedicated volunteers, generous donors and, most of all, to the youth we serve.

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)



It's not every day that you stumble upon a familiar face while perusing The New York Times. But that's exactly what happened in late October - Nicholas, one of the youth at [Belfort House](#), was featured in an article on the newspaper's Web site ([click here to read the story](#)). The story details Nicholas' challenges and successes, and it ends with a quote from a mentor: "... Nick will be successful." Everyone at Teen Living Programs heartily agrees!

Although this may not be in The New York Times, the holiday gift drive for TLP youth is under way. If you are interested in [sponsoring holiday gifts for the youth, donate now](#) and designate your support for the gift drive.

We are also grateful for end-of-year contributions toward the annual fund. Donations to the annual fund are critical to ensuring youth get the services they need to succeed. [Your gift](#) makes a difference at every level: \$50 pays for 10 days of transportation to and from work for one youth, \$100 fills a welcome basket, and \$250 covers a new bed and mattress for one youth.

We hope we can count on you to make the holiday season bright for TLP youth. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

staff as we celebrate Sabrina's graduation from CaSSA! We will also be welcoming Angelee into the program.

The graduation will be at Belfort House on **Nov. 28, 5 p.m.**

Please [RSVP](#) today!

Gift-Wrapping Party Dec. 19, 6 p.m.

The holiday gift drive for TLP youth is in full gear, but these gifts needed to be wrapped!

Please join other TLP volunteers and staff for a gift-wrapping party **Dec. 19, 6 p.m.** at TLP's administrative office, 162 W. Hubbard St.

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!

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

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

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Youth News

Running with the Bulls



Several [TLP](#) youth enjoyed an evening at the United Center, watching the Chicago Bulls take on the Milwaukee Bucks on Oct. 25.

The outing was organized by Marakon Associates employees who are part of our young professionals group, [TLP Associates](#). The good times were made even better by the Bulls' 97-81 victory.

Thank you, Marakon and TLP Associates, for organizing this outing!

National Coming Out Day Poetry Jam

Feet were tapping and fingers snapping Oct. 11 at [Belfort House](#), when 50 youth, staff members and guests celebrated National Coming Out Day.



The 20 performers (who sang songs, recited poems and performed dances) included nine youth and six staff members. Additionally, two guests - motivational speaker Kente Kizer and Vernita Gray, LGBT liaison with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office - spoke at the event.

Thank you to everyone who participated and attended!

Upcoming Events

Thanks-for-Giving Annual Celebration



TLP's annual Thanks-for-Giving celebration at Belfort House is just ahead, and we hope you will join us for it on Nov. 17 at 5 p.m.

This evening of good food and fun provides an opportunity for TLP youth and staff to show their appreciation for the volunteers and donors who so generously give to TLP throughout the year.

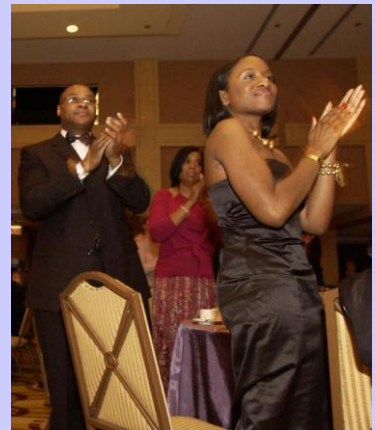
Please stop by and join us for dinner or just to say hello.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

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. Each ticket is a chance to win \$5,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000!



Don't wait - only 250 tickets will be sold.

And if you're wondering how to wrap this gift, don't fret - dedicated gala committee members will make a lovely gift box for the raffle tickets. 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, Illinois Department of Public Health and MAXIMUS Foundation, for your recent grants in support of Teen Living Programs!

The Illinois Department of Public Health has awarded Teen Living Programs a grant of \$19,500 to expand its HIV prevention programming. The grant was initiated by TLP's state representative, Kenneth Dunkin. Thanks, Rep. Dunkin!

The MAXIMUS Foundation has awarded Teen Living Programs \$2,500 for general programming costs. Thank you for your continued support!

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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