

TLP e-Newsletter

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National Coming Out Day Poetry Jam

TODAY, Oct. 11

Belfort House youth have planned this special event to celebrate Coming Out Day. Share in the spoken word, dance, song, and other artistic media with positive messages and support. 6 to 8 p.m. at 3739 S. Indiana. Everyone is invited. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kristin Waltz at 773-548-4443, ext. 37

Join TLP Associates

Oct. 15

The [TLP Associates](#), TLP's young professionals' board, are recruiting new members. Join them at their next

Dear Nia,

On the green and behind the scenes, fall has been an exciting time for TLP -- our annual Golf Classic, a kickoff celebration of the Campaign to Build a New Belfort House, great back-to-school news, and more!

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)



Leaves are turning vivid colors and falling. A chill is finally in the air. This time of year always reminds me of going back to school.

At TLP, we believe education is an essential step toward self-sufficiency. With the right academic credentials, job doors are opened and future choices are made possible.

Throughout our youths' education, TLP serves as their advocates, attending parent/teacher conferences and providing the school with a direct point of contact. TLP staff are closely connected to teachers who alert us if they sense any student challenges or issues that need to be addressed.

TLP staff and volunteers also tutor youth, and together, they explore how math, science, reading, and writing translate into tangible, real-life skills. In time, learning spills over into everything youth know and love and education becomes a positive experience.

Please read Youth News below. We have exciting school news to share with you!

meeting, Monday, October 15, at 6 p.m. Contact [Pilara Felgate](#) for more details.

Community Meeting Oct. 18

Join us for our October Community Meeting Thursday, October 18, at 5 p.m., at Belfort House. All are welcome to attend. Call 312-568-5700 for details.

Thanks for Giving Nov. 17

The holidays are a time for giving thanks. Join us November 17 when we give thanks to you! Youth and staff welcome you to our Thanks for Giving event, full of food, fun, and of course, a big thank you to all of you for supporting TLP. Contact [Pilara Felgate](#) for more details.

Join Our Mailing List!



Youth News

Youth Back to School in Record Numbers!

TLP youth are back in school in record numbers! A whopping 90% are enrolled in academic programs, the highest percentage in recent years. Thanks to TLP's [Supportive Services Department](#) they are in colleges, traditional high schools, alternative high schools, the American School (a correspondence high school program), school-based GED programs, TLP's GED study program, and literacy programs.

The percentage of students in school is inspiring in itself, but the statistic tells us quite a bit more. It says that TLP youth are motivated to succeed, and now perhaps for the very first time, they have comprehensive resources and caring support to help assure their success.

Keep up the great work!

New Beginning for Belfort House



Kickoff Event for Capital Campaign Great Success!

Several dozen TLP friends, all community leaders, joined us on September 28, for the official launch of the [Campaign to Build a New Belfort House](#).

The new Belfort House will be home for up to 32 youth at a time, providing them with a safe place to learn and to grow. It is designed to support community, to maximize program efficiency, and to ensure our track record of positive results.

The kickoff event was an opportunity to thank board member Paul McHugh and his family, whose generous \$200,000 gift has given a healthy start to the Campaign. The gift has also inspired additional leadership and support from our philanthropic community. **We are thrilled to announce that we are two-thirds of the way toward our goal of \$3.3 million!**

The event began at Belfort House where attendees enjoyed cookies homemade by youth and tours led by [Belfort House](#) resident, Nikiyia. Fellow resident, Duan, shared moving insights about the importance of TLP in the lives of youth who are homeless. Paul McHugh said that TLP's commitment to outcomes and the intensity of our work with youth is what led him to make

the gift. He shared that his commitment to serving others was inspired by his parents, who, along with his brother and wife, joined us for the celebration.

Help us meet our goal to build a new Belfort! Contact Nia Tavoularis at niat@teenliving.org or 312-568-5700, ext. 228 to find out more.

Golf Classic Take II

Two dozen friends were treated to a "golfer's paradise": 18 holes on Lakewood Golf Course. Lakewood is Mr. Dan McLean's private course in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.



Thank you, Dan for being our most generous host and for making this important TLP "friend-raiser" possible. Events like the golf outing help us forge new friendship and broaden our support base.

Recent Grants

Thank you, Project RUSH and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources for your recent gift and grant in support of Teen Living Programs!

Project RUSH's generous \$150,000 pledge toward the [Campaign to Build a new Belfort House](#) pushed the campaign over the \$2 million dollar mark!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded Teen Living Programs a grant of \$300,000 over three years to expand our Runaway and Homeless Youth [Street and Community Outreach Program \(SCOPE\)](#).

Thank you for your commitment and leadership!

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 [website](#) 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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