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Community Meeting TODAY

Join us for our September Community Meeting today, September 20, at 5 p.m., at Belfort House. All are welcome to attend. Call 312-568-5700 for details.

Campaign for a New Belfort House Sept. 28

Join us for our Capital Campaign Kickoff event on Friday, September 28. Read more below or contact [Pilara Felgate](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 25, to RSVP today.

Tee Time, Take Two Oct. 8

The bad news: a rainy weekend forced us to reschedule our annual TLP Golf Classic. The good news: you've got a second chance to sign up! Join us in Lake Geneva on October 8 at 10:30 a.m. RSVP with [Pilara Felgate](#) by

Dear Nia,

We've had a busy summer at TLP -- our annual Program Summit, a legal panel for TLP youth, a picnic for youth and TLP Associates. Up next: the Capital Campaign Kickoff event, Thanks for Giving, our annual Golf Classic, and more!

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)



For many, summer is a time for relaxation. Not so at TLP. Summer is when we do some of our most intensive work at our annual Program Summit.

Because of our mission's focus on providing *permanent* solutions to youth homelessness, we measure our progress based on the long-term achievements of TLP youth. That is why every summer, at Program Summit, we dedicate an entire day to reviewing their accomplishments, and to determine program accomplishments and challenges. Managers and board members come together to determine what worked well, and what we need to work on. Then we set new goals for the coming year.

Allow me to highlight some of the accomplishments of our youth:

- 76% of youth obtained stable housing by the time they left [Belfort House](#) or [CaSSA](#) and kept it for at least six months --an increase of 26% from the previous year
- 88% of youth gained [employment](#) while at TLP, and 23% had jobs when they left that they maintained for at least six months after leaving TLP

Please join me in congratulating our youth for all they have accomplished, and our staff for their dedication and support.

Thursday, October 4.

Join TLP Associates
Oct. 15

The [TLP Associates](#), TLP's young professionals' board, are recruiting new members. Join them at their next meeting, Monday, October 15, at 6 p.m. Contact [Pilara Felgate](#) for more 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.

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Youth News

Youth Picnic with TLP Associates



What better way to spend one of the last Sunday afternoons of the summer than on a picnic? [TLP Associates](#) brought food and games to Belfort House on September 9. Youth and Associates enjoyed burgers on the grill, good conversation, games and more.

"Hanging out with the youth is always such a great experience," says Michael Grant, president of the TLP Associates. "Our conversations are a great reminder of why Teen Living is so important."

Youth News

Lawyers Give Youth Career Advice and Legal Info



TLP Youth had an exciting opportunity in July, when the [Supportive Services](#) team brought attorneys from Wildman Harrold and the State's Attorney's Office for TLP's legal panel. Youth asked questions

about careers in law and the justice system. They also spent time interacting one-on-one with the attorneys, talking in more detail about their legal questions, but also just interacting with the lawyers, talking about things like where they grew up and what they liked to do.

"I think the youth learned how to network and talk professionally, and do things like ask for business cards," says TLP intern Alyssa Keel. "They also learned how to advocate for themselves, because if there was something they wanted to do, like ask a specific question or make a contact, they had to go and get it."

Thanks to Wildman Harrold and the State's Attorney's Office for sharing your expertise with TLP youth, and to TLP intern Alyssa Keel for organizing the event!

Capital Campaign Kickoff

Join us September 28 to learn more about the new Belfort House!



Come celebrate the launch of TLP's capital campaign and a generous gift by the McHugh family. Join us at Belfort House at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about TLP's plans to build a

new building, and then celebrate with us at a cocktail reception at [Grace O'Malley's](#). RSVP for one or both events today by

contacting [Pilara Felgate](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

Recent Grants

Thank you, [The Field Foundation of Illinois](#), [Polk Bros. Foundation](#), [The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation](#), and [Jewel-Osco](#), for your recent gifts in support of Teen Living Programs!

The Field Foundation of Illinois pledged \$50,000 to support our campaign to build a new Belfort House.

Polk Bros. Foundation awarded \$25,000 in support of a feasibility study for Students Staying Housed, a project between TLP and [North Lawndale College Prep](#), a charter high school, to provide housing and services to NLCP students who are homeless, and education to TLP youth.

The Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation awarded TLP \$20,000 in support of Whole Health, our comprehensive health program that provides health and nutrition services and education to youth who are homeless.

Jewel-Osco, an inaugural funder for the nutrition component of Whole Health, renewed its support of the project with an \$18,500 contribution.

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
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or visit our [website](#) to make a secure online donation.

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Thank you for your support!

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