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Join us for the July community meeting, Thursday, July 16, 5 p.m., in our new Belfort House residence!

[Bud Billiken Picnic and Parade!](#)

Be part of a TLP tradition. Join us for a fun-filled BBQ to celebrate the Bud Billiken Parade, Saturday, August 8. Want to attend or help plan the event? Contact [Emily Krisciunas](#) for details.

[TLP Golf Outing](#)

This don't-miss fundraiser takes place Friday, September 11, at Ruffled Feathers in Lemont. Mark your calendar and hit the driving range now! For more info, contact [Emily Krisciunas](#).

Dear Nia,

In this issue, you'll hear from Board Chair Gerald Pauling, announcing the selection of our [new interim director](#). Read on to hear [Korvell's exciting news](#), and about the TLP Auxiliary Board's [super successful event, TLP on Tap!](#) And don't forget to mark your calendar -- you won't want to miss these fun-in-the-summer [TLP events!](#)

Board Chair's Update

By Gerald L. Pauling, II



As the TLP transition team continues to work to find a permanent executive director, we are proud to announce the selection of **our new interim director, Virginia L. Mason**. Mason's notable career has focused on building effective teams, spearheading successful fundraising efforts, and engaging diverse communities. She most recently served as president and CEO of the Girl Scouts of

Colorado for five years; and prior to that role, was president and CEO of Family Support America (Family Resource Coalition), Childreach, and several local United Way offices. Peers describe her as a "high energy, innovative, mission-focused leader," as well as "a person of vision, intellect, integrity, and passion," and "an excellent administrator." She is excited and honored to help steer TLP through this interim period. We invite you to meet Virginia at the August 20th community meeting.

As our fiscal year draws to a close, I feel inspired to look back on what an extraordinary year it has been!

Of course, in May we said goodbye to David Myers, TLP's executive director for more than nine years.

In January, five TLP youth were invited by U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis to attend the historic

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inauguration of President Obama in Washington, D.C.

Perhaps our most exciting event of the year was on April 15th, when youth and staff moved into our brand-new home. Adjacent to the former Belfort House, [the new building](#) enables us to serve even more youth in a more functional, efficient, and gorgeous new space.

Change and growth are made possible with the help of friends like you. Thank you for your continued support of TLP -- and most importantly, the youth we serve.

Warmly,



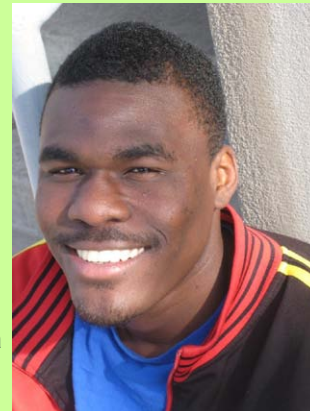
Gerald L. Pauling, II
TLP Board Chair

P.S. [It's not too late to make a difference in Fiscal Year 2009! Make a donation today!](#)

Youth News

Graduation news for Korvell!

TLP's newest resident of [CaSSA](#), our independent living program, is an extraordinarily motivated young man who has overcome unimaginable setbacks to reach his goals.



Ten months into his stay at [Belfort House](#), TLP's transitional living program, Korvell had gained employment and was enrolled in a GED program. Then, life threw him a new challenge, when he became an unintended victim in a shooting. A severe injury forced him to leave his job and his studies, but he never gave up hope. His caseworker calls him "perseverance personified."

Recovered from his injury, Korvell now works at KFC, and is continuing to earn and save money. In addition to work and school, he served as president of Belfort House's Youth Council, and has taken the lead in several events to raise funds for Belfort House.

Congratulations, Korvell!

TLP's Auxiliary Board Raises the Bar

FUN(d)-raising event brings in \$12,000!

Thanks to the leadership of [Teen Living Programs Auxiliary Board](#) (formerly TLP Associates), the June 11 TLP on Tap event was a tremendous success -- and a great time!



Each spring, the group hosts an event at a local bar to raise money and awareness of TLP's work. This year's TLP on Tap, held at Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub on the Chicago River, raised an unprecedented \$12,000!



Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the evening possible, especially our sponsors: Deb Donnelley, Flexible Benefit Service Corporation, The Gallien Family, Group Benefit

Associates, Jim Stanley, and Art Stern.

Want to get involved with TLP's Auxiliary Board?
Contact [Emily Krisciunas](#) or call 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

Recent Gifts

Thank you, [Michael Reese Health Trust](#), [The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation](#), [The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund](#), [The Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation](#), and [Northern Trust Charitable Trust](#), for your generous support of Teen Living Programs.

The **Michael Reese Health Trust** (\$35,000) and **The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation** (\$25,000) generously supported and renewed their partnerships with [Whole Health](#), TLP's comprehensive health program.

The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund and **The Joseph & Bessie Feinberg Foundation** each awarded \$25,000 general operating grants, supporting TLP's [mission](#) of providing hope and opportunity to youth who are homeless.

The **Northern Trust Charitable Trust** awarded \$7,500 in support of our [Stable Housing Program](#), which includes our [transitional](#) and [independent living](#) programs, [supportive services](#), and more.

Thank you all for your continued support of TLP!

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