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[TLP Gala Committee Meeting](#)

[October 14, 6 p.m.](#)

Help us plan and ensure the success of our 2009 fundraiser!

[TLP Community Meeting](#)

[October 16, 5:30 p.m.](#)

There's no better way to feel connected to TLP than by attending this monthly community-building meeting at Belfort House. All are welcome to attend.

[TLP Associates and Youth Bulls Game](#)

[October 18, 7:30 p.m. at
United Center](#)

Let us know if you are interested in attending or helping to plan next year's event!

Executive Director's Update

By [David L. Myers](#)



President John F. Kennedy's aphorism, "a rising tide lifts all boats," is certainly true for organizations like Teen Living Programs. When times are good, so are charitable investments. However, the country is in the midst of an economic downturn that will certainly decrease the amount of charitable dollars. So is the aphorism's inverse -- "a receding tide lowers all boats" - necessarily true? We don't think it is. We are taking measures at TLP to stand against it. First, we are heading straight into the challenge by identifying our vulnerabilities. Second, we are asking every significant funder: Given the new world, what can we expect from you in the months ahead? Third, we are reviewing every aspect of our expenses to further tighten the hatches. Fourth, we will be making choices about the future based on what is central to our mission, without wavering from our vision. We intend to continue being a signature source of hope and opportunity for Chicago's youth who are homeless. We hope, and believe, you will continue being our source of empowerment to do so.

Youth News

Recent High School Graduations!

TLP Associates Meeting

October 28, 6 p.m.

TLP's junior board needs your enthusiasm and dedication to youth who are homeless. Attend this meeting and find out how you can lend your time and talents.

Thanks-For-Giving

Nov. 22, 4-7 p.m.

Mark your calendar now for everyone's favorite TLP holiday celebration! Join us as we say "thanks" to one another.

Please contact [Emily Krisciunas](#), development coordinator, at 312-568-5700, ext. 225 for information about any of these upcoming events.



sheila and shantae graduation



New high school graduates Shantae and Sheila with Will Bulka, TLP education specialist.

Hats off - in this case graduation caps - to Sheila and Shantae! Sheila, currently in [CaSSA](#), graduated in May from a Chicago Public School charter high school. She plans to attend college beginning in January or next fall. Shantae is an August graduate from the American School of Correspondence, the only accredited correspondence high school in the country. She completed the program and earned her degree while working full-time! She is investigating college choices and hopes to begin in January. TLP hosted a tribute to the young women (complete with caps, gowns, pomp and circumstance) with friends, family, and TLP staff cheering them on.

Congratulations, Shantae and Sheila!

Recent Events

Raising Green ON the Green

TLP 2008 Golf Outing Dexter 4

On September 5, more than 60 friends of Teen Living Programs came together for an afternoon of golf and goodwill at the annual [Chairman's Golf Outing](#).



Held for the first time at Ruffled Feathers

Golf Club in Lemont, the event raised an unprecedented

\$24,000! Join us in thanking TLP board member Billy Dexter and fellow members of the philanthropic "Circle of Friends" (pictured above, with TLP youth James) for their generosity and for helping to catapult the event to a new level.

Before we were even off the green, plans were beginning to take shape for the 2009 Chairman's Golf Outing.

Find out how you can help plan or participate by contacting [Emily Krisciunas](#), development coordinator, at 312-568-5700, ext. 225

A Bash for Belfort!

What's the best way to inspire people to care about a cause near and dear to you? **Host a party!**

That's exactly [Hampe Party USE THIS](#)

what David Hampe and Kathy Capodice did last Thursday evening. Dozens of friends and colleagues, including State Representative Ken Dunkin (pictured first from right), stopped by for



refreshments and to find out about construction of the new [Belfort House](#) and how their support could help.

Hampe and Capodice broke the ice with a generous gift of \$10,000. Others followed suit. TLP friends Mary Lou Mulvihill Skalkos and sister Patty Mulvihill announced a \$100,000 challenge grant from their family's foundation. In just one evening, nearly \$72,000 was raised for our new building!

What extraordinary leadership, David and Kathy. Thank you!

If you are interested in hosting a party to benefit Teen Living Programs, please contact [Nia Tavoularis](#), director of development, at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.

Recent Grants

Without heat, electricity, running water, transportation, and healthy meals, it would be impossible for Teen Living Programs to offer its unparalleled array of services to youth

who are homeless.

These critically needed basics create the foundation of all we do and are made possible by generous philanthropists: individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies. Even in these tight economic times, the following donors recently stepped up, providing much-needed support to the [day-to-day operation of TLP](#).

Chicago Tribune Holiday Fund, \$35,000

D&B (Dun & Bradstreet), \$25,000

Chicago Board of Trade, \$3,500

TLP also extends heartfelt thanks to the **Lifeboat Foundation** for its generous \$15,000 contribution toward our comprehensive [educational programs](#).

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

Questions? Call [Nia Tavoularis](#), director of development, at 312-568-5700, ext. 228.

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