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A Message from the CEO
Dr. Gary L. Jones

Each year as we prepare our Annual Report, we are reminded of the imperative role that you, as an investor, have in the mission of Youth For Tomorrow. As a donor, you are a part of all that we do – from bringing light and life to children who knew nothing but darkness and depression upon their arrival, maximizing the utilization of our facilities, maintaining a sound financial foundation to ensure continuation of services, to meeting the cries for help from desperate families enduring mental and behavioral issues creating instability and trauma within their home.

This report will illustrate and explain what we accomplished this year.

We can tell you about the joy we feel when one of our residents tells us how their lives have been changed and how they feel safe and loved for the first time. Our resident profiles include a young girl who was rescued from a sex trafficker; a young teen mom and her infant baby – who were provided with a home and medical care; a boy saved from gang life; and a boy who was three years behind in school, now having earned his GED and going to college with a YFT scholarship. You'll find some of their stories, and more, inside.

We could tell you about how some of our earliest graduates – some from 30 years ago – are succeeding in their chosen fields: a professor of music; a web designer; a computer systems engineer; and some having started their own companies with great success. On these pages you will find a picture of 12 of these successful graduates who attended our Burgundy & Gold Banquet last May. What a reunion that was for all of us and a reaffirmation of the impact of our programs!

In addition to the personal stories, we have much more to report to you. Below are a few highlights to share:

- We served a total of 682 boys and girls with residential, educational and counseling services on our YFT campus.
- Our graduates have an ongoing 90% success rate as they move on to college, the military, employment or return to their families in the community.
- We extended our Behavioral Health Services (BHS) into Loudoun County (Lansdowne), bringing the total number to 5 (five) BHS Regional Offices serving our community. The others are Woodbridge, Manassas, Gainesville and Springfield. And in recent news, we will be opening an additional office in June to serve Fauquier and its adjoining counties.
- In 2018, we provided behavioral health services to 3,169 children and their families who were in crisis, accumulating to approximately 18,000 counseling sessions.
- We are licensed to provide critical assistance to children in 45 public schools in 2018 – 22 in Prince William, 18 in Fairfax and five in Loudoun County. Be sure to read, elsewhere in this document, what the principals have to say about the YFT Therapeutic Day Treatment services provided by our team of professionals.
- We continue to receive and maintain the highest level of national accreditations for our programs. In July, our Therapeutic Day Treatment and Behavioral Health Services met the clinical standards of the Joint Commission (Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.) and our Residential Programs and Administration were re-accredited by the Council On Accreditation (NY, NY) in December. We will be due for re-accreditation of our third national accreditation, AdvancED this spring.

Please read this booklet, our summary of 2018. I hope you will see what I see: the faces of all the children and families who represent our mission. They are your results as friends and supporters, and ours at Youth For Tomorrow who are privileged to serve them and to partner with you.

With our gratitude,

Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO
A Message from YFT Founder and Chairman
Joe Gibbs

In 1983, when I was Head Coach of the Washington Redskins, I had what some people thought was a pretty ambitious dream to establish a “Christian boys group home” where teenage boys in trouble with school authorities, the law or even their parents – if they had parents -- would have a chance to change their lives. I was convinced that if they could live in a family setting and learn Godly principles, receive daily counseling and get their education back on track, their lives could be redirected and salvaged.

In this annual report you’ll read how one home has grown to 10 homes – with an 11th to open in the fall of this year – for boys and girls, how our nationally accredited secondary school and 16 diverse and nationally accredited counseling and support programs have grown. You’ll also find articles about how since 2012, YFT offers licensed clinical behavioral and mental health services to clients ranging from preschool children to adults throughout the larger Northern Virginia community through five Regional Offices (Woodbridge, Manassas, Gainesville, Springfield & Lansdowne with a 6th in Warrenton in June of 2019) already providing more than 20,000 clinical sessions annually. And, how YFT behavioral health specialists work in 48 public schools in Prince William and Fairfax Counties to help young difficult to control students with behavioral issues become successful in the classroom.

The statistics are impressive – the results are remarkable!

I want to share a very gratifying moment to me that came several months ago at our annual Burgundy & Gold Banquet, when 12 young men came up on the stage. There they were – young men who had come to us 25 to 30 years ago, lost and troubled. And, there they were in front of me, successful in their lives.

• 6 hold advanced degrees;
• 4 own their own businesses;
• 5 work in the field of technology;
• 1 is a college music professor and another a youth pastor;
• 9 have children of their own

For me, that was proof that the dream had come true. I also know we are not finished yet. The Lord continues to direct our every decision, and I know there are many more exciting achievements to come – all In His Name and For His Glory.

It took an infinitely large group of us to accomplish this -- especially with the Lord’s Grace, generous donors, dedicated Board of Trustees and Advisors, tireless volunteers now many of you reading this had a part in making it a reality. I thank you for your support!

God Bless,

Joe Gibbs
Founder & Chairman
Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I bring to you greetings from Youth For Tomorrow as President of the Board of Trustees. It is indeed an honor to serve, and brings with it a responsibility that I will pledge my time and passion to fulfill.

We all know YFT is a remarkable “story” to tell everyone—donors, volunteers, business associates, political leaders whether at local, state or federal governments and others we come in contact with near and far. This amazing story has unfolded over the years from a group home with four boys in 1986, and only 10 boys in the summer of 1996, to become not only a group home, but a prominently respected provider of essential behavioral and mental health services to children and families in crisis throughout our community.

We are immensely grateful for your financial support over the years. But, equally so, for your commitment to the Godly principled YFT mission created by our Founder and Chairman, the incomparable Joe Gibbs, and adhered to faithfully by our Trustees, Advisors and staff over the past 33 years. Know that I am committed to furthering the distinguished legacy of Coach Gibbs and all those who have come before those of us presently serving on the Board.

This Annual Report presents a true reflection of the enormous commitment it takes by all of us to serve the children the Lord directs to our doorsteps.

Best regards,

Taylor Chess
President, Board of Trustees
Angels Among Us

I can still remember the first time I stepped foot on the Youth For Tomorrow campus.

It was 12 years ago, and I was visiting YFT for the first time to see a former colleague of mine, Dr. Gary Jones.

But what happened that day was so much more than just a meeting. It was a life-changing, Holy Spirit-stirring experience. My life would never be the same.

I met children living on campus who had not only endured, but survived, horrendous and unspeakable things—their stories of abuse, addiction and victimization by criminal traffickers and ruthless gang members will truly break your heart. Once desperate and hopeless, with lives shattered in a million pieces, they now were laughing and smiling, thriving in their classrooms, advancing in their education in YFT’s accredited secondary school and healing emotionally through intensive therapy. Perhaps most of all, they now were safe and loved, embraced as valued members of a family—the Youth For Tomorrow family.

Broken to whole. Wounded to strong. Hopeless to hope-filled.

And I met an extraordinary team of professionals and volunteers: teachers and counselors, therapists and administrators and nurses—all of them “unsung heroes” powered by patience and love.

Whenever I hear Alabama’s hit song “Angels Among Us,” which has long been one of my favorite songs, I am reminded of the miracles unfolding every day at Youth For Tomorrow:

“Oh, I believe there are Angels Among Us,
Sent down to us from somewhere up above.
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live
To teach us how to give
To guide us with a light of love.”

Youth For Tomorrow simply would not exist without you. The miracles unfolding there would not happen without you. Like the song says, you come to these precious children in their darkest hours. Ensuring that a safe place, a warm bed and a hot meal is available to any child in crisis, all 365 days a year. Shining a light of hope when all else feels dark.

Thank you for being an angel among us, making a profound, powerful difference for kids who desperately need you.

Gratefully,

Susan LaPierre

A Message from Susan LaPierre
Past President, Board of Trustees

Gabrielle

“YFT has impacted my life like no other place has as I have found my true value. You can never let your emotions and anger get the best of you. I am able to succeed regardless of what my past was. I have learned to confront my obstacles with the tools provided by YFT. Without this foundation, I would not be as positive and successful as I am today. In December 2016, I graduated from George Mason University and I now work full-time for the Provost of Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge.”
Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors

Working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service’s Office of Refugee Resettlement, YFT serves minors ages 6-17 who have fled their countries to escape persecution, abandonment, exploitation, deep deprivation or violence in their community, or to reunite with a caregiver, often after losing one at home. Human traffickers also victimize children and bring them to the United States against their will. Unaccompanied children come from all over the world, but the largest numbers arrive from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico. YFT offers a safe haven and a variety of services including counseling, mentoring, treatment foster care and post-release home studies.

Since 2012, YFT has served 2,579 UIM children, reunifying them with family members.

Residential Programs

Youth For Tomorrow’s Residential Treatment Program provides a home for boys and girls 12 to 18 years old. At YFT they can be nurtured in a Christian environment, receive a quality education and receive counseling and behavioral health services. Many are victims of tragic and unspeakable circumstances that have shaped their character at an early age. Some are homeless, others are stepping down from juvenile detention centers, and there are rapidly increasing numbers of victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking. And some need foster care because of family circumstances. They may have substance abuse and behavioral or mental health issues and almost all have had poor academic performances. YFT’s programs and professional staff members serve all residents under the highest standards of national accreditations, offering help to all in need regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or geopolitical circumstances.

In 2018, a total of 682 boys and girls were served in the residential services programs, including the Standard Programs for boys and girls, Mommy and Me, Girls On A Journey and Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors.

YFT’s residential program has had a steady historical success rate of 85% -- and more recently, 90% -- with residents moving on to college, the military, employment or return to their families in the community.
Residential Programs

Mommy and Me
YFT’s Mommy and Me program offers a home on the YFT campus for pregnant teens and young mothers ages 13 to 21 and their babies. Expectant teen mothers and mothers with infants receive counseling from YFT’s on-campus therapists, 24 hour nursing care and attend the state certified and accredited campus school. The expectant teen mother’s health is overseen by a staff nurse in partnership with community based medical and psychiatric professionals. Upon delivery, the mothers receive ongoing medical care and their babies receive regular pediatric care by a pediatrician.

The Mommy and Me program has provided a safe and nurturing home to 35 teenage mothers and 34 babies in 2018. Since 2007, when the program was launched, YFT has served 218 teenage moms and 229 babies.

Girls On A Journey (GOAJ)
The Bowles Family Foundation Girls on a Journey (GOAJ) Program offers a safe home and a chance for a new life to domestic girls ages 12 to 18 who have been victims of sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking. In addition to a safe place to overcome their trauma, they receive counseling, education, and medical and dental care. Many are sent to Youth For Tomorrow by localities across the country -- most without funding. YFT’s “Fund for the Unfunded” appeal raises funds for “scholarships” to allow YFT to open its doors and offer them the comprehensive services they need to heal and to start new lives.

In 2018, YFT served 37 victims of sexual exploitation or were sex trafficked. A total of 234 girls and two boys have been supported by the program since the program launched in 2009.
Often, girls and boys come to YFT after years of truancy and are from one to as many as six years behind their grade level. YFT’s low student-to-teacher ratio means that every student can get one-on-one attention as needed to strengthen their academic abilities through a comprehensive curriculum, special education services, GED preparation, Standard of Learning (SOL) preparation and tutoring. The school prepares them for graduation, independent living, reentry into public school settings or entry into vocational or college environments.

YFT graduates who qualify for college entry or vocational training can benefit from YFT’s own scholarship fund, which has been supported by generous donors including prominent YFT philanthropists Bob Wiser and the William A. Hazel family.

Educational Services

Dr. Courtney Gaskins congratulates Gracie for receiving two awards, The Citizenship Award and The About Face Award.

Dr. Gary Jones, presents Kila with her high school diploma!

A few of our YFT graduates pictured L to R:  Kila, Dr. Gary L. Jones, Ericka and Alex.

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Elena receiving the “Outstanding Achievements in Mathematics” Award. Picture L to R: Dr. Courtney Gaskins, Vice President of Programs, Elena, Veronica Myers, Principal at YFT
Regan’s Senior Message

“My name is Regan and I was asked to share with you all today the journey that has brought me to Youth For Tomorrow and all the doors that have been opened since.

Before coming to YFT I was incarcerated in October 2017. I was constantly absent from home, using and selling drugs, and in and out of Juvenile Detention. The last time in JDC I spent the first week shaking, throwing up, and sweating going through withdrawal from my drug use. That was when I decided it was time to make a change. I strengthened my relationship with the Lord, my family and cut off all the negativity that brought poisonous relationships to infecting my life. But then, in March of 2018, I was taken to Jackson Field Residential where I was faced with many trials and tribulations. After being sexually assaulted by another resident while I was asleep, I packed up my bags and came to Youth For Tomorrow in April 2018.

When I first came to Youth For Tomorrow I thought this placement was going to be just like my last. I would just become another kid occupying a bed. However, once I met my amazing team, Ms. Reddick, Mr. Loper, Ms. Lewis, and all the extraordinary staff I have been blessed to work with, I was finally comfortable enough to prosper and succeed. Since being at Youth For Tomorrow I have been able to join the Substance Abuse groups, work on past trauma and focus on family therapy. I have also been able to join Ms. Phyllis and the kitchen staff to help in the cafeteria during the school hours.

So when you are faced with temptations, or when life has given you hardship after hardship, and you no longer have the strength to pick yourself back up, or obtain the desire to say NO to the temptation, keep striving to do what is right, because God often puts obstacles in our path to teach, guide or strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Our father is a merciful father; he would not put anything in our path that is not something we can overcome.

Today, when I look at my peers, I see the future. I see doctors, mechanics, artists, I see future leaders of America. But what I don’t see, what I refuse to see, are the mistakes and choices that brought us here. Because in 10 years it won’t matter who liked who, how someone dressed or spoke, but what will matter is the skills that we gain here and how we use them. So, for those who are leaving, and for those who are staying, please remember what you learned and how you can apply it in your lives.

And, the next time, when life knocks you down and you want to give in, just know God will never give us an obstacle that is meant to break us. He is only trying to bring you closer to completeness.”

James 1:2-4 says “Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking of anything.”
Mentoring Program

Our children are matched with a mentor who perhaps shares a common interest. Simple activities such as playing board games, shooting some hoops, going to a movie, bowling, arts and crafts, dinner at a local restaurant or even helping with their homework can mean the world to a young person. Mentors help our children set goals, offer guidance and advice related to school and their personal relationships with their peers. It has been proven that children guided by a successful role model (mentor) are more likely to improve their academic performance, develop better decision-making skills and self-confidence. Individual goals are created to empower our children to master life skills that will enhance his/her future success in the work force.

Counseling

All 682 residents at YFT, whether enrolled in the Standard Residential Program, Girls On A Journey, Mommy and Me or Unaccompanied Immigrant Minor programs, receive counseling from highly trained and credentialed counselors. Each boy or girl receives an Individual Service Plan (ISP) and participates in individual, group and family counseling as appropriate. All go through chemical education training, and there are support groups to address substance abuse issues. YFT therapists also provide family counseling.
Some children who complete the residential program have no family home to return to, and so they enter foster care. Local jurisdictions also refer children to YFT for foster placement. YFT also provides Treatment Foster Care services to boys and girls who are placed out of their homes and need intensive support to be maintained in a community placement. Youth (ages 0-21) are placed with trained and professionally supported families. Treatment foster care parents help children learn to deal with emotional problems, to trust others and to set and achieve goals for the future. YFT provides free training and home studies for foster families and guides prospective foster parents through the process of applying for and maintaining a foster home.

Our ultimate goal for our graduates is to help them earn a living wage and attain financial independence. Mentoring and Aftercare counseling provides students with the support and guidance they need to choose the best and most relevant education and career path. Scholarships enable our disadvantaged students to attend college or access vocational training to join the workforce and earn a living wage.

“Thanks to a generous Strada Education Network grant in 2018, we will be able to expand these programs and provide more opportunities and support to our students, and help bring these children who have experienced so many hardships and disadvantages up to their full potential!”

–Dr. Gary Jones

Foster Care

Young people in foster care need a safe and stable home environment. YFT provides a home environment for many youth at a critical time in their lives. YFT offers Treatment Foster Care services to support children and their families, while allowing children the opportunity to attend school and be part of the community.

Benefits and Training for YFT Treatment Foster Care Parents

• 30 hours of free pre-service training
• Monthly in-service training
• One-on-one training in your home once a child is placed
• Short-term care
• 24-hour support services for emergencies
• Networking opportunities with other treatment foster care parents
• Monthly stipend
• Referral incentive for recruiting other parents who become certified as foster parents

For more information visit us at YouthForTomorrow.org or call (703) 425-9200, Ask to speak to the Foster Care Recruitment Coordinator.

An Important Accreditation

Youth For Tomorrow successfully received re-accreditation by the prestigious Council on Accreditation (COA). COA, headquartered in New York, NY, is a national organization that accredits the full array of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations. YFT was awarded accreditation after COA extensively evaluated all aspects of YFT’s programs, services, management and administration over a period of 12 months. This involved providing extensive written evidence of compliance with the COA standards, then undergoing rigorous onsite interviews with trained COA Peer Reviewers who met with trustees, staff and clients.
More than three decades ago, Joe Gibbs had the idea of a home where young boys would be sheltered and taught Godly principles at an important time in their lives. Youth For Tomorrow has been faithful to that goal and continues to provide religious teachings and spiritual counseling for its residents as well as Christian activities, services, events and community outreach service projects.

The dedication of the Peterson Family Chapel in October, 2017, was the realization of a dream long held by Joe Gibbs, the YFT Trustees and staff. The beautiful building is named in honor of the Peterson family’s major philanthropic gift which made it possible to construct the holy facility. The Chapel has become the sacred spiritual centerpiece of the YFT campus. It offers a place of peace and reflection for our boys and girls who, after years of abandonment and abuse, are searching for hope, spiritual healing and a future they never dreamed possible.

The 335-seat Chapel provides a place for praise and worship as well as an opportunity for pastoral care programs, Bible study and spiritual counseling led by Chaplain Denny Glusko.
YFT opened a new Behavioral Health Services Regional office in June, bringing the total to five -- three in Prince William County (Gainesville, Manassas and Woodbridge), one in Fairfax (Springfield) and our newest office located in Loudoun (Lansdowne). Services include substance abuse counseling, individual and family therapy, psychiatric medication management, intensive outpatient substance abuse programs for adolescents and diagnostic assessment and evaluation. The programs serve children, adults and families in Northern Virginia, across the state and in some cases, beyond. Those who seek YFT’s services customarily have mental health, educational, legal and/or emotional problems. The most frequently occurring issues were Attention-Deficit Disorder, Depression, Anxiety and Adjustment Disorders.

YFT’s Therapeutic Day Treatment services also were expanded to Loudoun County, resulting in 45 schools being served (22 in Prince William, 18 in Fairfax and five in Loudoun County). Students also received nursing services and substance abuse counseling and prevention and intervention for high risk children.

Other community-based BHS programs include Intensive In-Home Services, Therapeutic Mentoring, Treatment Foster Care and the Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Program. YFT accepts private insurance and Medicaid, making its services available and affordable to anyone including underserved populations.

YFT served a total of 3,169 children and their families in crisis during 2018 and conducted nearly 20,000 counseling sessions. Greater than 95% of participants that received Behavioral Health Services were highly satisfied with the services they received.

What the Principals say about the YFT Therapeutic Day Treatment Program:

“As we finish our second year with the YFT program, we would like to share that this program continues to be a positive support for our students. Having someone who is dedicated to specific students, and is responsive to their special needs, has been an asset for our school community. The behavior interventions have been effective and we have seen a significant decrease in behavioral referrals to my office.”

“I absolutely want the program to return for another year. It has filled a very specific need we have here for students who disrupt the classroom learning environment of other students that in the past has slipped through the cracks.”
Behavioral Health Services

Regional Offices
Youth For Tomorrow provides clinical and community-based services to children, adults and families through its five regional offices. In late 2018, the Board of Trustees also approved a plan to open an additional office in Warrenton, VA, in 2019.

Gainesville Behavioral Health Services:
7130 Heritage Village Plaza, Suite 102
Gainesville, VA 20155
- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Marriage Counseling
- Couples Therapy
- Play Therapy (for children)
- Parent Training
- Eating Disorder Counseling

Manassas Behavioral Health Services:
9720 Capital Court Suite 303
Manassas, VA 20110
- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Marriage Counseling
- Couples Therapy
- Play Therapy (for children)
- Parent Training

Woodbridge Behavioral Health Services:
14000 Crown Court, Suite 101
Woodbridge, VA 22193
- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Marriage Counseling
- Couples Therapy
- Play Therapy (for children)
- Parent Training
- Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling

Springfield Behavioral Health Services:
6800 Backlick Road, Suite 300
Springfield, VA 22150
- Mental Health Assessments & Evaluation
- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Marriage and Couples Therapy
- Information and Referral
Behavioral Health Services

Loudoun Behavioral Health Services:
19415 Deerfield Avenue Suite 101
Lansdowne, VA 20176

- Mental Health Assessments & Evaluation
- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Psychological Testing
- Information and Referral
- Substance Abuse Counseling (beginning June 2019)

Warrenton Behavioral Health Services
(opening June 1st):
20 Rock Pointe Ln. Suite 201 and 203
Warrenton, VA 20186

- Individual Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Marriage Counseling
- Couples Therapy
- Play Therapy (for children)
- Parent Training

Liesha Williams

“My name is Liesha Williams (LaLa), and as a result of being sexually abused by a family member at the age of 6 to 8, I was placed into the foster care system. I remained in the system and bounced from one home to another until I was 16. Eventually, I was sent to Youth For Tomorrow to complete high school. It was different than Foster Care in that I lived in the beautiful suburbs of Virginia with other students my age as we worked towards a common goal.

Youth For Tomorrow provided for me a sense of purpose, a full education, loving house parents, counseling, therapy, and dedicated teachers, and mostly a place where I didn’t run away from.

While at Youth For Tomorrow, I was able to complete my High School Diploma and go on to realize a dream that I had never even imagined—becoming a college student. I was the first YFT resident to actually graduate from a four year university.

Recently, I was hired as a full time employee at Youth For Tomorrow where I now have the opportunity to continue my education with the financial support of the Dr. Gary L. Jones Scholarship. I plan to enroll in graduate school to complete my Master’s Degree in Counseling.

I am most grateful to Dr. Jones and YFT for all the support that I have received.”
Country music legend, Brad Paisley, was the featured entertainer for the evening and performed a spectacular show! Everyone were on their feet dancing and singing to many of his hits including, “Mud on the Tires” and “Then”.

President Susan LaPierre, comforts Gracie as she shares her tearful testimony and shares her personal and emotional growth since coming to YFT.

YFT Trustee and the illustrious “Voice of the Washington Redskins,” Larry Michael served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Heart 2 Heart Co-Chair and Trustee, Cynthia Atwater, welcomes and thanks each of the event sponsors, “our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your generous hearts and for supporting Youth For Tomorrow and our boys and girls!!”

Pictured, from left, Trustee Jon Peterson, Dr. Gary Jones, Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, and Board President, Susan LaPierre.

Lindsay Ell who opened for Brad Paisley during his tour last summer joined him on stage for a special musical duet – what a performance!!
Gracie’s Testimony

“Good evening. My name is Gracie and I am 17 years old and from Winchester, Virginia.

My birthparents were younger than I am now when I was born, and I lived with them until I was 5 years old. Then my world changed -- one evening the Frederick County Child Protective Services and Winchester Police Officers came to our house and took my brother and me away from our parents.

I was scared. Strangers and uniformed officers came into our house. It was frightening! At the time, I did not understand. Later I learned:

• There were used heroin needles on tables in our home – everywhere;
• Reports had reached CPS workers that I had been bathed in the same dirty water over and over,
• I was malnourished and wore soiled clothes every day;
• I had been physically abused as a toddler.

After being rescued by Child Protective Services, my infant little brother was adopted immediately.

Not me. I moved around a lot, living in 6 different foster homes and two group homes the next four years. During this time my birth father died of a drug overdose. I lost track of my birth mother.

I spent 2 years at the last group home in Winchester where I met a lot of nice people – one of whom is here this evening, including two volunteers who would eventually become my adopted parents.

Finally – at the age of 10 I had a Mom and Dad ------ life was perfect. For a while.

At age 12, my life began to deteriorate. I began arguing with my parents, lots of yelling, horrible words coming out of my mouth.

The early years of sexual abuse by my birth father----- neglect of personal hygiene as a child ----- and feelings of worthlessness were now rushing to the surface within me.

These “flashbacks” of my childhood were like daily nightmares to me. I had no idea how to handle these horrifying feelings as I felt angry and afraid.

Matters only became worse. I began to get involved with boys in ways I should not have. The pain was surfacing more and more and I began closing out the people who cared the most for me – my adoptive parents – my mother is here with me tonight.

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Many nights my pain was so intense that I had thoughts of self-harm – the abuse and neglect as a child had scared me.

This past year, after one attempted suicide I was taken to a hospital and remembered my adoptive mom lying next to me reassuring me over and over – it’s going to be okay.

Then my world changed again. Changed in a way I never dreamed possible. While in the hospital, I was told by my mother that someone from a wonderful place called Youth For Tomorrow would like to speak to me. I thought, “NO, not another program.”

I wanted a HOME but I also knew I needed HELP.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Youth For Tomorrow is not just a program or a school ---- it is a HOME! A home full of people who will forever make an impact on my life --- especially in my heart.

I just had not found a safe place where I felt comfortable talking to people about:

- my pain ---
- my abuse ---
- my abandonment ---
- my fears --- and
- my shame

Until ---- this home – until Youth For Tomorrow came into my life.

Youth For Tomorrow’s staff and therapist have helped to reintroduce me to my family who loves me. Before I came to YFT I was truant or simply did not want to learn. I was a C and D student. School has now become a place of healing. And -- now I have a 3.0 GPA!!

I am actually thinking and talking about something that I never have in the past -- my future. I hope to attend NOVA and major in nursing. The teachers at Youth For Tomorrow are amazing, they help me --- and support me beyond just my academics.

My journey has been long and challenging. BUT it led me here --- THANK YOU, LORD. Because of you, Lord, and the staff at Youth For Tomorrow I am now a better and stronger person, you have enabled me to face my fears and overcome the abuse and neglect I endured.

So let me close by thanking:

- my adopted parents for not giving up on me

And, Youth For Tomorrow for:

- accepting me,
- helping me, and
- giving me hope
- a new life, and
- finally --- thanks to each of YOU for providing a home, where many other kids like me who have been abused, neglected, trafficked, and passed over are now able to feel safe and loved.

Thank You!!!”
Some months ago, a NFL film crew working on a documentary on Joe Gibbs asked Youth For Tomorrow about some of the early graduates of the program. YFT went on a quest and through social media, Google and word-of-mouth, found 18 of the earliest alumni – now men in their 40’s! YFT invited these alums and their families to the Burgundy & Gold Banquet where they filled three tables. It was a wonderful evening filled with stories and reunions.

They are the ultimate outcome stories! Tested by time, not only have they achieved success in their chosen fields, but that success is demonstrated in the lives of their wives and families. Here are some of their results:

- All have demonstrated success in family, education and career
- 6 hold advanced degrees
- 4 own their own companies
- 9 have children of their own
- 5 work in technology field
- 3 have careers working with children

The ripples of making a difference in the life of a troubled child go out in ever widening circles.

“For each young man and woman that we are able to help, we start a chain of good results because he or she will influence his or her own spouse and children and others around them. And they will pass along what they have learned to others. What will last in this world is what kind of influence we have had on others.”

-Joe Gibbs
Youth For Tomorrow’s Burgundy & Gold Banquet

Larry Michael stands by while Jon Peterson, YFT Trustee and CEO of Peterson Companies and sister Lauren Peterson draw the winning names for the Hole-in-One Mega Putt Contest sponsored by the Peterson Companies.

Anthony Barbour and his son Kyle present the Interstate Batteries 2018 Redskins Player of the Year, Ryan Kerrigan.

Coach Lou Holtz and Board Vice President and Burgundy and Gold Chairman, Taylor Chess.

Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO Youth For Tomorrow.

DeAngelo Hall receives the Ed Block Courage Award, presented to NFL players voted by their teammates as role models of inspiration, sportsmanship, and courage. From left, Brett Dickinson of the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation, DeAngelo Hall, and Coach Gibbs.

Larry Michael stands by while Jon Peterson, YFT Trustee and CEO of Peterson Companies and sister Lauren Peterson draw the winning names for the Hole-in-One Mega Putt Contest sponsored by the Peterson Companies.
Youth For Tomorrow’s Classic Golf Tournament

The 2018 Youth For Tomorrow Classic Golf Tournament was chaired by Jon Peterson, who has faithfully and generously served on the Board of Trustees for over 20 years and has skillfully chaired the Golf Tournament for the past 15 years. The Tournament raised over $200,000 for YFT.

Golf Chairman, Jon Peterson welcomes the tournament sponsors and golfers.

A new feature for the golf tournament are forecaddies who assist golfers with reading their shot and to help track their golf ball.

1st Place (Net) Winning Foursome: Troy Gregory, Vinnie Miceli, Matt Athey and Phil Cuellar each took home a new golf bag and a crystal award.

Dr. Gary L. Jones, YFT CEO, thanks Jon Peterson for his gracious leadership and for serving for 15 years as the Chairman for this very successful golf tournament and fundraiser for YFT.


The Hole-in-One sponsor was Ted Britt Ford.

Holder Construction, Title Sponsor.

3rd Place (Net) Winning Foursome: Bruce Gould, Bob Hubbell, Phil Denfeld, and Eric Dickman, each taking home a Soundchuck Speaker along with a crystal award.
Youth For Tomorrow’s Country Fair & Auctions

The 33rd Annual Country Fair & Auctions was held on Saturday, October 6th with over 18,000 attendees who came out to enjoy a fun-filled day and helped raise over $1M for YFT programs. Tom Shumaker, YFT Trustee and Sr. Vice President for Holder Construction, chaired the Country Fair & Auctions for his 3rd year. Toyota was the Presenting Sponsor.
Dr. Gary Jones Receives the Inaugural VAISEF Michael C. Farley Distinguished Leadership Award

 Remarks delivered by VAISEF Executive Director William P. Elwood
October 26, 2018

Four years ago when Dr. Jones became President of VAISEF, we were trying to think of a way to honor Past President Michael Farley, who was leaving the Board after a long career of service to VAISEF. We offer a lot of awards to recognize excellence in our teachers, line staff, volunteers and other various parts of our team. But we never had an award to recognize leadership at our highest levels.

So we developed the Michael C. Farley Distinguished Leadership award to recognize excellence in leadership at our facilities, in the industry, in the community, in advocacy and in appointed or elected service – things all related to the life and career of Mr. Farley.

The first word that comes to mind when I think of Gary Jones is **Integrity**. He is that rare person that does the right thing when no one is looking...because it’s the right thing to do. He has incredible integrity in a world where that is sorely lacking.

**Commitment** – there is no one more committed to children and the task at hand than Dr. Jones. He sets his course and always follows through.

**Work Ethic** – the energy he brings to his work is amazing! I’m ready to retire right now, yet he comes to work every day with spirit and drive, no matter what.

**Service** – Dr. Jones is never too busy to devote time and determined effort to worthy causes, whether it is here at Youth For Tomorrow, or in the community and in the profession.

**Compassion** – Although sometimes he may come across as a little crusty, Gary Jones has a heart of gold and I have seen that evidenced many times, in many settings, especially when it comes to children.

**Friendship** – He has been a tremendous friend to me, and although he is not old enough to be like a father to me, he has at least been like a big brother and truly a mentor to me. It is a privilege to have you as a friend!

Therefore, on behalf of the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities and in grateful appreciation of your many years of humble and meaningful service to your facility, your community, your state and your country, and with deep personal admiration, I am proud, WE are proud, to present to Dr. Gary L. Jones the inaugural Michael C. Farley Distinguished Leadership Award, the highest award we can convey.
Special Awards

Nehemiah Award
The Nehemiah Award honors those for their gracious, generous and dedicated leadership, which comes in the form of service to the Lord, His mission, and for the children He directs to Youth For Tomorrow.

The Award was presented to Trustee Cynthia Atwater for serving as a Board member and her exceptional leadership she has provided and especially as Co-Chair of the Heart 2 Heart Gala for the past five years and to the Sweetheart Ball the preceding 10 years. Pictured from left, Coach Joe Gibbs, Trustee, Cynthia Atwater, Trustee, Susan LaPierre and YFT CEO, Dr. Gary Jones.

Volunteer of the Year Award
Coach Gibbs, Board President Susan LaPierre and Dr. Gary Jones presented Board of Advisors member, Mike Lynn, with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Distinguished Service Award
YFT Trustee and Philanthropist, Cecil Pruitt was presented the Distinguished Service Award at the December Joint Boards meeting for his exceedingly gracious and generous heart and his countless philanthropic and professional contributions for the past 30 years.

Cecil gave $75,000 to ensure sufficient funding for the Feeding Families Outreach for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This was in addition to his leadership gifts at each of our fundraising events, auctions and his annual commitment of providing a Christmas gift for each YFT resident!
Dan Anderson Award
Employee of the Year
Youth For Tomorrow teachers, Max and Sara Manfredo were honored with the Employees of the Year Award. This is first time ever a husband and wife team has been selected as recipients of the award named in honor of Dan Anderson – a graduate of the YFT program and school. Dan is a college graduate and Founder and President of his own hi-tech company, Adaptalytics in Edinburg, VA.

Max and Sara didn’t arrive to YFT as a couple, but they are now Mr. & Mrs. Manfredo! Max has been at YFT for seven years and teaches history and, also, is the Chairman for the school Technology Committee.

Sara has been with YFT for four years and teaches Creative Writing & English, and she leads the Data Committee in the school. They both take on tasks way beyond their classroom responsibilities and are deeply involved in Professional Development Training, mentoring new teachers and are an inspiration for their students.

We are all grateful for their dedication and placing the Lord first in their lives and are devoted to the YFT mission and to the re-direction of their students’ lives.

The Founder’s Award

The Founder’s Award is presented to those who have faithfully served many years in a distinguished and remarkable capacity of leadership. Each recipient has exhibited an unfailing commitment to the Lord with full recognition that the He is our guiding force and is the one we faithfully honor in all we do – every day.

YFT Co-Founder and Trustee, Steve Templeton, was presented by Coach Gibbs, The Founder’s Award, honoring his 35 years of faithful and dedicated service and his exceptional philanthropic commitment to the mission of YFT all these years.

Steve was one of the businessmen in the 1980’s who traveled with Coach Gibbs to Texas to visit a Christian boys home which became the precursor to the founding of YFT. Steve has served in many leadership capacities including as Board President and continuously on the Executive Committee.

YFT Trustee, Jon Peterson was presented by Coach Gibbs, The Founder’s Award, honoring him for his 25 years of distinguished service, exceptional Board leadership and his philanthropic commitment to the mission of YFT and the children we serve.
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Jon and the Peterson Family provided the lead gift for building the Peterson Family Chapel on the YFT campus. Jon served as Board President and continues to sit on the Board’s Executive Committee. For the past 15 years, he has served as the Chairman for the YFT Golf Classic.

YFT Co-Founder and Trustee, Bruce Eberle, was presented by Coach Gibbs, The Founder’s Award, for his distinguished and exceptional leadership and philanthropic commitment to YFT.

Bruce has served YFT in many capacities over his 35 years of service including Board President, continuously serving on the Executive Committee and other involvements such as Chairman for the Country Fair Live Auction for 15 year with his wife, Kathi.

Two other current and past member of the Board of Trustees were honored with the Founder’s Award as well; however, they were unable to attend the Joint Boards Meeting. They are:

- **Gary Garczynski**: Gary is among the Co-Founders leading a fundraising event in the 1980’s to build the original home – now the William A. Hazel House. Later, Gary strategically brought together members of the Heavy Construction Contractors Association (HCCA) in the late 1990’s to build another home for boys – now the Redskins Courage House. Gary exceptional leadership for 35 years has served YFT well including as President of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of a Burgundy & Gold Banquet and in many other capacities including the Capital Campaign of 2000-2002.

- **Renny Barnes**: Renny is among the Co-Founders of YFT serving in a leadership capacity from the very first YFT fundraiser in 1983. He served many years on the Board of Trustees and was instrumental in developing the present day executive leadership of YFT. Renny is widely remembered for his generous heart, a gentle spirit and his faithfulness to our founding principles. Renny continues to serve on the Board of Advisors.

Cecilio

“My name is Cecilio Garcia and I’m 17 years old. Being at YFT has given me another chance to think about the direction my life was leading and to get past the struggles that I have been through.

I want to thank Dr. Jones and Dr. Tinsley for helping me and to say thank-you to all the staff and people at Youth For Tomorrow who have helped me so much.

After YFT, I want to go to college and get an education to prepare me for my future, and perhaps play basketball too!”
Special Awards

Recipient of the “In a Heartbeat” Award: Barbara Comstock

Two-term Congresswoman Barbara Comstock was honored at the Heart 2 Heart Gala with the annual “In a Heartbeat Award” for her work on issues of importance to Youth For Tomorrow.

“Barbara has come to the assistance of our children on several occasions while serving our community in Washington as well as in Richmond— for which we are all very grateful,” said Dr. Gary Jones, in presenting the award. The Congresswoman served as a senior Justice Department official in the Bush Justice Department and served three terms in the Virginia General Assembly prior to being in Congress. In these positions she first began her leadership role working on human trafficking and working with Youth For Tomorrow on human trafficking. When serving in the General Assembly, she passed legislation cracking down on gangs such as MS-13 that exploit young girls and operate prostitution rings and sex trafficking in Northern Virginia. As she worked with her colleagues to increase penalties for human trafficking, Virginia moved to the forefront on tackling this issue. Over the years, Barbara held many forums on human trafficking where Youth For Tomorrow and other experts participated. In the U.S. Congress, where she represented the 10th Congressional District (Loudoun County, Clarke County, Frederick County, and parts of Fairfax County and Prince William County and Cities of Winchester, Manassas Park, and Manassas City), she served on the Human Trafficking Caucus and was a leader in Congressional action to increase penalties on those engaged in human trafficking, provide support and assistance to the victims and remove outdated penalties often imposed against victims. She also worked with the public and private sector to increase awareness, including working with the airline, hotel and trucking industries and other areas where predators might operate. She also supported institutions that provide healing and help to victims.

Each summer, as part of Congresswoman Comstock’s 10th Congressional District Young Women Leadership program she held a panel on human trafficking for the hundreds of young women who have participated in her program. This year’s panel included Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative, Polaris’s Disruption Strategies, and Just Ask Trafficking Prevention. The Congresswoman has also been a leader on battling sexual harassment in the workplace. Recently, the House of Representatives passed Congresswoman Comstock’s bipartisan resolution to combat sexual harassment in Congress.

Congresswoman Barbara Comstock receives award from Dr. Gary L. Jones.
On January 11, 2019, the Gibbs family lost their beloved J.D., son, brother, husband and father. And we at Youth For Tomorrow lost a member of our extended family. J.D., Joe and Pat’s oldest son, passed away at age 49.

J.D. excelled at everything he chose to do. Successful quarterback at Oakton High School in Northern Virginia, he won a scholarship and was a starting defensive back at William and Mary University. Despite his success in the sport, he told his father that rather than coaching football when he graduated, what he really was interested in was racing. Together they began to make that dream a reality and launched Joe Gibbs Racing in 1992. J.D. was named President of JGR in October, 1997. The organization expanded from a single car team to a four-car operation in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, three in the Xfinity Series and created a driver development program.

Over the years since 1986 when Coach Gibbs founded Youth For Tomorrow, J.D. paid visits to the campus and spoke to the residents. And many times he invited our residents, staff members, trustees and supporters to come and tour Joe Gibbs Racing, where he extended generous hospitality to all.

We were deeply saddened to learn of J.D.’s illness several years ago, and in June, 2016, the YFT family came together at our campus in a prayer service for him, and we continued to hold him and his family in prayer.

Our hearts go out to J.D.’s wife Melissa, whom he met in junior high school, and their sons Jackson, Miller, Jason and Taylor, his younger brother Coy, and his father and mother, Coach Joe and Pat Gibbs.

The Youth For Tomorrow family will miss his warmth, optimistic outlook and faithful commitment to YFT.

Dr. Gary Jones leads a prayer service for J.D. Gibbs at YFT in June, 2016.
In 1983, Super Bowl-winning Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs had a dream about starting a Christian group youth home where young people could get a new start in life in a home-like environment with counseling and help with their schooling. To raise funds, he asked then Vice President George H. W. Bush and former Dallas Cowboys star quarterback Roger Staubach to speak at a fundraising banquet. Almost $150,000 was raised, providing the seed money for YFT.

When he became President, George and First Lady Barbara Bush continued their support. In 1989, YFT held a gala in the Concert Hall at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The First Lady was honorary chair. Joe Gibbs hosted the event and a galaxy of stars, including comedian Bob Hope, performed before a packed house of more than 3,000 people including President and Mrs. George H. W. Bush. The Bushes invited a YFT resident to ride in their limousine to the Kennedy Center and hosted the resident in the Kennedy Center’s presidential box. They stood and led the applause when the entire student body took to the stage to sing a number with the stars. This event marked the first time a charity ever “sold out” the Hall.

These are fond memories for Youth For Tomorrow and YFT will always be grateful for the friendship and support so graciously given by the late George H. W. Bush.

Constantine

“I came to YFT in April of 2017 and was sent here by my parents because of behavioral issues at home.

I began associated with the wrong crowd and became involved in illegal behavior and was failing in school.

Over the past ten months I have been given a second chance. I have graduated from YFT’s high school and I am currently working as an Electrician Apprentice with Ennis Electric. I want to thank Mr. Kevin Cole for giving me a chance to learn a trade. My plans for the future include going to college and become an architect.”
Lunch and Learn

YFT’s quarterly Lunch & Learn trainings for the community featuring various mental health topics were well attended by as many as 200 participants, including social workers, probation officers, counselors, therapists, community members, and parents. The sessions are highly regarded and provide Education Credits (EC) for continuing education required for many professionals. Trainings presented in 2018 included “Play Therapy,” presented by YFT Behavioral Health Play Therapists Catherine Baker and Linda Lindamood; “Gang Life,” presented by Matthew Armstrong and Adam Higgs of the Prince William County Police Department; “Suicide Prevention” and “Cultural Competency.”

A Big Honor for YFT Student

Youth For Tomorrow student Shalini received a great honor from the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF), which awarded her the VAISEF Student Leadership Award at its annual conference. The award is given to a student who demonstrates outstanding leadership abilities, outstanding character, and a commitment to serve through volunteering. Award criteria included: possess good moral character, be a good role model for other students in the facility, have positive relationships with staff and peers, and be in a leadership position for a student centered organization within the school. VAISEF is an association of private providers of specialized education and services for children and youth with special needs and their families.

M&T Bank Treats YFT Residents

Thanks to tickets provided by M&T Bank and YFT Foundation Board Treasurer, Cecilia Hodges, YFT boys were able to attend the Monster Jam Truck Rally at Capital One Arena and enjoy a thrilling evening. The boys said they loved the car crushing action and loud revving engines. Asked what he liked most about the show, resident Alex said, “just being able to go to the show -- watching the trucks and cars do tricks, especially the headstand trick was really cool!”

M&T Bank also wanted to do something special for the YFT girls and gave them a magical night out to see “Disney on Ice.” The show’s theme was “Follow Your Heart” and featured all the Disney favorites from Dory to the emotions from “Inside Out,” the Disney Princesses and Minnie & Mickey Mouse. The girls had a great time and learned about family, friends and importantly, to always follow their hearts.
Some Memorable Times

YFT extended a very special thank you to YFT Trustee, Jon Peterson and the Peterson Companies for the donation of Washington Capitals and Wizards tickets for some games at the Capital One Arena. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the YFT boys, none of whom had ever before attended a NHL or NBA game. One of the highlights for all was watching Alex Ovechkin score his 600th goal, only the 20th NHL player to reach that milestone. A thrilling win in overtime was a close second.

Gracie Attends George Mason University Nursing Camp

In February, YFT student Gracie shared her tearful testimony at the Heart 2 Heart Gala and revealed that her hope and dream for her future was to become a nurse. This summer Gracie had an opportunity to participate in George Mason University School of Nursing’s “Nursing Camp” for high school students. The camp provided small group projects and hands-on simulation to introduce core concepts of nursing in health and healthcare delivery.

Antioch Vacation Bible School and YFT

Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station selected Youth For Tomorrow as its charity partner for its Vacation Bible School children and their families to support. The VBS Committee and YFT donor and supporter, Brenda Moore, chose Youth For Tomorrow “for its dedication to assisting children and families in times of extreme distress, transition, and turmoil.” The children attending VBS and their families donated sports equipment, crafts, puzzles, games and other items for YFT’s boys and girls. The VBS emphasis was on the needs of others, how similar all people are, and how to have an enriched understanding of how we can share God’s blessings. YFT girls and boys were invited to the VBS Water Park Fun Day and all enjoyed a day of fellowship together.

Coach Gibbs and the Stanley Cup Championship

The Washington Capitals were not the only winners when Washington’s ice hockey team won the historic Stanley Cup. During the final playoff series against the Vegas Golden Knights, Coach Joe Gibbs challenged his #18 NASCAR driver, Kyle Busch to a friendly wager on Facebook. Coach is, naturally, a Washington, DC sports fan, and Kyle is a Las Vegas native. The wager was made and went viral: If the Knights won, Coach Gibbs would make a donation to Kyle’s favorite charity, the Bundle of Joy Fund. If the Caps won, Kyle would make a donation to
Coach’s favorite charity, Youth For Tomorrow! The rest is history and Kyle’s donation was received a few weeks later.

#PacktheHope Delivers Backpacks to YFT!

Leah Contreras was looking for a way to help the boys and girls at YFT. Finding YFT’s wish list online, she focused her efforts on school supplies and backpacks. She rallied several friends in Richmond who also wanted to help, and soon ignited a backpack movement in that city. Local media embraced the story, and #PacktheHope caught on. In August, the group brought more than 1000 backpacks filled with school supplies and toiletries. These were distributed to the boys and girls on the YFT campus and to children YFT serves with the Therapeutic Day Treatment Program in Prince William and Fairfax Country Schools.

Volunteers filled backpacks with school supplies and toiletries and donated them to YFT residents and students in YFT programs in local schools.

First Christian Concert Held in the YFT Chapel

On August 11, YFT Pastor Denny Glusko opened the first Christian concert to be held in the Peterson Family Chapel with a prayer. The Floris UMC Praise & Worship Band took the stage with beautiful renditions of classic praise songs, and Nehemiah followed with a powerful Christian rap set. Temika Moore then joined with her original songs of worship. Pastor Lawrence Hubb, YFT Director of Therapeutic Day Treatment, closed the evening with his own powerful and spiritual message, prompting several residents to approach the stage and dedicate their lives to Christ. The performances were coordinated by Eddie Fam and his Meant 2 Live Foundation.

Keller Williams RED Day at YFT for 5th Year

Each year, on the second Thursday in May, thousands of Keller Williams Associates across the nation and Canada participate in a wide range of projects devoted to renewing and revitalizing the neighborhoods they serve. For the 5th year, an army
Highlights of the Year

of enthusiastic Keller Williams volunteers arrived at YFT to generously volunteer their time through the RED Day (Renew, Energize, and Donate) initiative dedicated to celebrating Keller Williams Realty’s year-round commitment to improving local communities. This year nearly 60 volunteers concentrated their efforts at YFT’s historic William A. Hazel House and at the Cecil Pruitt, Jr. Circle of Life. They repainted the foyer and great hall of the Hazel boys home and performed extensive weeding and mulching projects outside and at the Pruitt Circle.

Strada Awards Grant to Help Disadvantaged Students Succeed

Low income and minority students will get a boost as they transition to a career, thanks to a grant from Strada Education Network. Youth For Tomorrow has received a $200,000 grant from Strada Education Network to help disadvantaged and first generation college students make educational and career choices that will prepare them to make a living wage and succeed in professional careers.

“The goal is to provide financial support and guidance so they can make a successful transition to a career through postsecondary education. Our ultimate goal is to help them earn a living wage and attain financial independence,” said Dr. Gary L. Jones, Youth For Tomorrow Chief Executive Officer.

Students will be exposed to career opportunities, receive counseling in education and career planning and support through their transitions. A one-on-one mentoring program will support their growth and development and assist them in developing job preparation skills. It will target low-income and first-generation African-American, Hispanic, Multiracial and Caucasian post-secondary students.

The project will expand work already underway at Youth For Tomorrow. Career planning and workforce experience are an important component of the YFT secondary school experience. Youth For Tomorrow’s Dr. Gary L. Jones Scholarship Fund offers former and current residents the opportunity to attend college or pursue vocational education.

“With this grant, we will be able to expand these programs and provide more opportunities and support to our students and help bring these children who have experienced many so hardships and disadvantages up to their full potential,” Dr. Jones said.

Some Special Visitors

Six nationally renowned pastors visited Youth For Tomorrow in July after hearing about the success of the YFT programs. When they arrived on campus Dr. Gary L. Jones and staff members met with them in the Peterson Family Chapel for an open discussion of “who we are, what we do and how well we do it.” The pastors also arranged for a full day of fun for the YFT residents with water slides and soccer instruction and games lead by Liberty University Soccer Head Coach, Jeff Alder.

From left: Pastor Todd Lamphere (New Destiny Christian Church, Apopka, FL); Bishop Harry Jackson (Hope Christian Church, Beltsville, MD); Reverend Johnnie Moore (The KARIOS Company, Glendale, CA); Dr. Jack Graham (Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, TX); Pastor Paula White (New Destiny Christian Church, Apopka, FL); Jennifer Korn (Special Assistant to the President) and Pastor Jentezen Franklin (Free Chapel, Gainesville, GA).
Youth For Tomorrow believes that the arts are essential, like reading, writing and arithmetic—and especially so for children who are struggling through life’s many challenges, from coping with day-to-day stress to more significant crises like abuse, addiction or homelessness.

Extensive research shows that exposing children to music and art sparks better decision-making and improved academics. Most of all, they are powerful tools for healing. As the writer Hans Christian Anderson said: “Where words fail, music speaks.”

Youth For Tomorrow already is known for its innovative music and art therapy program, which has helped countless young people express themselves, release their anger and pent-up anxiety, and find a “voice.” But this is only the beginning. At 18,500 square feet, the Jodi McQueen Music & Arts Center will be the heart of a world-class music and art therapy curriculum featuring a 300-seat performing arts center; state-of-the-art music and art therapy rooms; graphic art spaces; art, music and dance studios, group rehearsal workshop spaces; a recording studio and two exhibit halls.

Serving 2,500 students annually, including those from the community, programming will run the gamut—from individual music and art therapy sessions and group classes to creative workshop venues.

“To transform the life of depressed, angry and defiant teenagers who have been drawn to self-destruction by bullying peers, neglect parents, abuse of drugs or school truancy, we have to learn what motivates them into new behaviors and simultaneously teach them to value their own lives and create within them a desire to succeed day to day. These lifestyle changes put a sparkle in their eyes and a smile on their faces. We have found the best formula for such challenges – actively engaging them in the music and the performing arts.”

Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO
Family Behavioral Health and Administration Center

The proposed 36,700 square foot Family Behavioral Health and Administration Center, to be located on the Youth For Tomorrow campus, will offer a diverse, multi-generational approach to behavioral health that will serve children, adolescents, families, adults and veterans with a variety of mental health needs. The facility will allow for improved efficiencies in organizational management, supervision of the professional staff and coordination of the multi-dimensional programs offered by YFT.

Space will be allocated for private offices for children and families to meet with an expanded team of psychiatrists and therapists. Dedicated rooms will be available for group therapy, play therapy and observation facilities, and it will provide for the inclusion of a health clinic to expand nursing and medical services to the children on the YFT campus. The Center also will allow the formation of a new program to address another “service gap” in the community and simultaneously further the continuum of services while diversifying YFT’s funding sources.

“One of the most critical needs this nation faces is that of effective behavioral health services for children, families and adults, including veterans. Youth For Tomorrow has successfully provided these services in our residential program, and since 2012, in our northern Virginia Regional Offices which through through outpatient community services and in public schools. The Family Behavioral Health and Administration Center will enable YFT to greatly expand these services and help answer that need and simultaneously relieve our secondary school of overcrowd due to the utilization of converted classrooms now providing offices for clinicians and case management.”

Dr. Gary L. Jones, CEO
Youth For Tomorrow (YFT), was founded in 1986 by Coach Joe Gibbs, NFL Hall of Fame Head Coach of the Washington Redskins, and was established as a Christian group home to serve at-risk or homeless teenage boys providing a home along with education, counseling in a Christian, family-like environment. YFT opened its door in 1986 with four (4) boys in residence, the first of thousands of boys and girls and families who would later come to YFT for help.

Under the leadership of Dr. Gary L. Jones, YFT’s programs have expanded offering 16 multi-dimensional programs within residential and behavioral health services.

Washington Redskins football coach Joe Gibbs met with Northern Virginia business leaders to discuss plans for building a home for at-risk children in the Metropolitan DC area.

Dr. Gary L. Jones became YFT Chief Executive Officer.

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors issues a Special Use Permit to allow a group home.

Youth For Tomorrow opened its doors to serve boys.

Embarked on a $13.5 million Capital Campaign.

Opened second and third homes for girls.

Youth For Tomorrow purchased an additional 65 acres for campus.

opened fourth and fifth homes for girls.

Opened 40,000 sq. $6 million State accredited secondary school.

Youth For Tomorrow opened first home for girls.

Youth For Tomorrow purchased 134 acres of land in Bristow, Virginia.

Youth For Tomorrow opened second home for girls.
Expansion into Fairfax County with a new Behavioral Health Office and Therapeutic Day Treatment in FCPS.

Newly licensed as a Child Placing Agency offering Treatment Foster Care Services.

Opened new Behavioral Health Services Woodbridge office on Crown Court.

HomeAid and Toll Brothers as the Building Captain, built and dedicated the Brenda House for Girls on the YFT Campus.

Groundbreaking for the Peterson Family Chapel on the YFT Campus.

Opened new Behavioral Health Services Lansdowne office in Loudoun County in August 2018.

Dedicated The Peterson Family Chapel on the YFT campus.

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Dedicated the Redskins Courage House.

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Youth For Tomorrow receives Council on Accreditation (COA) for residential treatment and clinical services.

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Began offering Out Patient Services to prince William County families.*

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Expansion into Fairfax County with a new Behavioral Health Office and Therapeutic Day Treatment on FCPS. Newly licensed as a Child Placing Agency offering Treatment Foster Care Services.
2018 Revenue by Source

- Residential Programs: 64.7%
- Behavioral Health Services: 15.6%
- Private Sector Philanthropy: 19.0%
- Other Revenue: 0.7%

1,471 Donors for 2018

2018 Expense by Cost Center

- General & Administrative: 17.3%
- Campus Operations: 8.2%
- Education: 7.0%
- Program Administration: 14.7%
- Behavioral Health Services: 18.5%
- Event Expenses: 5.6%
- Fundraising Expenses: 2.4%
- Residential Programs Direct Home Costs: 26.3% * (not inclusive of Education, Campus Operations and Program Administration)

* Residential Program revenue include Standard Domestic Children and Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors (UIM) which is funded by the Federal Government on the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

** Other Residential Program costs include Education, Program Administration, Campus Operations and General & Administrative Expenses.
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The Christmas Season at Youth For Tomorrow

Christmas Angel Tree and Helping to Feed Families at Christmas

Our most heartfelt appreciation to those who participated in the Christmas Angel Tree Project. We had 37 corporate offices participate along with countless “elves” who purchased presents for our boys and girls to open during our Christmas celebration on December 20th and house gifts to open Christmas morning.

Through our Community Outreach and working with our partners in the Prince William and Fairfax County Public Schools, children and their families were identified by Principals and Counselors in need of assistance for the Holidays. Through generous contributions from our donors, and an extremely generous gift from YFT Trustee Cecil Pruitt, we were able to provide assistance for over 1,700 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you so very much for helping us to help our children and families in need for the Holidays!!
Our Mission...

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Our Inspiration...

Whatsoever you do for the least of mine, brothers and sisters, you do for me...

Matthew 25:40

Our Strength...

Believe His Word . . .... Trust His Grace

John 17:17 2 Corinthians 12:9

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