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Changing the lives of our youth by providing preventative services, counseling, and shelter that strengthen families and builds stronger communities.



Youth Bridge Executive Director Scott Linebaugh expresses his thanks to NWACC President Dr. Becky Paneitz for the President's Circle \$5,000 TLP scholarship.

### NWACC Announces \$5,000 President's Circle Scholarship Program

Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) has awarded a \$5,000 President's Circle Scholarship to Youth Bridge. The scholarship will be used to help Youth Bridge clients in the Transitional Living Program continue their education and quest for a better life.

"We are delighted to create this partnership with Youth Bridge and to help their clients earn the rewards of a college education," said Dr. Becky Paneitz, President, NWACC. "We look forward to building a relationship with Youth Bridge and in helping them in other ways in the future."

"Education is the cornerstone in creating a full and happy life and we have always encouraged our youth to remain in school and earn a high school diploma or GED," said Scott Linebaugh, Executive Director, Youth Bridge. "This scholarship will now make it possible for some of those youth to continue on to earn a higher degree and achieve something many never thought possible."

Kylia Rector, a former Youth Bridge client, now works for Youth Bridge as a Living Skills Coordinator. Kylia participates in the Transitional Living Program and plans to apply for a scholarship to attend NWACC. "These scholarships mean a lot to someone like myself who wants to continue my education but cannot afford the cost. It means a lot that NWACC is willing to work with Youth Bridge to create these types of opportunities for area youth."

For more information, visit [www.nwacc.edu](http://www.nwacc.edu), or at our website, [www.youthbridge.com](http://www.youthbridge.com).

### New Substance Abuse Treatment Center Now Open in Springdale

It was out with the old and in with the new as Youth Bridge officially opened its new 26 bed residential substance abuse treatment center for boys at 3895 George Anderson Road in Springdale.

Youth Bridge staff and volunteers spent the weekend moving from the old substance abuse residence at 4171 N. Crossover to the new facility. With the help of several corporate and private donors, Youth Bridge was able to buy new twin beds, linen, bed spreads, blankets, towels, new common area furniture and a lot of other necessary items to make the new center livable.

Arvest, Walmart, Macadoodles in Springdale, Executive Women International, as well as several private individuals, donated the much needed cash and actual items for the new center. Altogether, over \$30,000 in cash and in-kind items were donated.

Youth Bridge is still working to raise the final \$100,000 necessary to pay the remaining cost of the new substance abuse treatment center. The agency is selling paving stones for its "Walk of Hope" and holding other fundraisers.



## It's A Wonderful Life Gala Raises Funds for New Substance Abuse Center

And a good time was had by all... That best describes Youth Bridge's annual: It's A Wonderful Life Gala and Silent/Live Auction. More than 220 people attended this year's gala that helped the agency raise more than \$57,000.

Northwest Arkansas Community College President Dr. Rebecca ("Becky") Paneitz was Roasted by Mike Malone, CEO Northwest Arkansas Council; Sandy Edwards, Deputy Director of Museum Relations for Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art; Elise Mitchell, President and CEO Mitchell Communications Group; and Cole Peterson, President/CEO of Hollis Enterprises, LLC. Jon Williams, Morning Show host from 104.9, The X, served as Master of Ceremony and Dwayne Craig served as the live auctioneer. And Mike Malone announced the special NWACC President's Circle Scholarship with a funny "BINGO" Skit.

The Honorary Co-Chairs for the event were Hershey & Denise Gartner, and Ed & Joan Clifford. State Representative Uvalde Lindsay (D), who represents District 88 which includes part of Washington County, received a special recognition award from Youth Bridge for his support of youth related causes and legislation.

A special treat at this year's event was a song by Tori Mansell, a current client of Youth Bridge. Tori shared her emotional story with the audience through a video. It helps to make the stories come alive and remind everyone that Youth Bridge is working with real people with real problems.

The Silent and Live Auction was once again, the highlight of the gala. There were over 40 separate packages ranging from weekend trips to private wine tastings to organized hunts.



## Dr. Martha Morrison Joins Youth Bridge as Medical Director and Staff Psychiatrist



Dr. Martha Morrison joins Youth Bridge as the Medical Director and Staff Psychiatrist. Dr. Morrison is replacing Dr. Ledro Justice who is relocating to Atlanta.

Dr. Morrison most recently worked at Springwoods Behavioral Health in Fayetteville and served as Staff Psychiatrist with Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. Dr. Morrison graduated from Fayetteville High before going to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and then to the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Campus where she received her MD.

Dr. Morrison did her Senior Psychiatry Residency at Emory University in Atlanta. She specializes in addictionology and had had staff affiliation with: Arkansas State Hospital; Georgia Alcohol and Drug Association; Anchor Hospital in Atlanta; Northwest Medical; Baptist Medical; Arkansas Children's Hospital and other distinguished medical groups.

Dr. Morrison worked over 11 years for the Impaired Professionals Program in Georgia. She has taught on the college level and has been widely published in many medical

journals. She has served as Medical Director at several different medical centers, and has extensive experience working with adolescent and youth.

## Youth Bridge Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at New S.A. Treatment Center

With the help of local business, community and judicial leaders, Youth Bridge commemorated its new Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center with an official ribbon cutting and open house Friday, November 4, 2011.

Event speakers include: Scott Linebaugh, Youth Bridge Executive Director; John Mack, JKL Architects; Troy Musson, Flintco; West Doss, Youth Bridge Board Chairman; The Honorable Bill Pritchard, United States Senator; Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse; and Ron Angel, Director, Division of Youth Services.



## Youth Bridge Residential Shelters and Clients Celebrated a Very Happy Holiday Season

Youth Bridge received a lot of support over the recent Holiday Season from local businesses, community groups, churches, and individuals who made a big difference in the lives of local youth.

Groups such as Walmart, Newell Rubbermaid, Macadoodles, Arvest, VW Transport, and Executive Women International headed the list of Holiday givers with client gifts and items for each Youth Bridge residence. Other groups and individuals also contributed clothing, toys, games, books, electronics, and numerous "big-ticket" items to the residences. Many of the groups and individuals asked to remain anonymous.

The folks at Newell Rubbermaid opened their hearts and donated over \$10,000 worth of gifts and much needed clothing, bedding and linen for the Centerton Residential Shelter, Youth Bridge clients at the new Substance Abuse Center, Zion Emergency Shelter, Julie House, and the Copper Creek TLP also received a lot of gifts and living items for the houses.



## Macadoodles in Springdale Hosted a Wish Gift Tree and a Customer Fundraiser that Provided Over \$1,800 for Youth Bridge Holiday Purchases

Macadoodles hosted a Wish Card Holiday Tree in its Springdale store and donated some \$1,800 in customer donations to Youth Bridge. Macadoodles donated gifts and other in-kind donations in 2011 valued at more than \$5,000.

Macadoodles has selected Youth Bridge as its 2011-2012 charity and will be helping the agency with its fund raisers and volunteer activities throughout the year.

Pictured are (left to right) Tyler Austin (Macadoodles) Phil Bode (Youth Bridge), Jon Williams (104.9) and Chris Malone.(Macadoodles).



## Ball Corporation Donates Over \$300 to Youth Bridge from its 2011 Great American Can RoundUP

Youth Bridge was proud to partner with Ball Corporation for its annual Great American Can RoundUp. During the RoundUp, thousands of pounds of cans were collected to be recycled and the proceeds of over \$300 were then donated to Youth Bridge.

The Great American Can RoundUp is sponsored by the Can Manufacturer's Institute, the national trade group for the can industry and its suppliers. The RoundUp was initiated as a way for the industry to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the can. Youth Bridge saved cans from each facility and placed special recycling receptacles at events to contribute to the RoundUp. Ball's entire organization was involved by saving cans from break rooms and holding intercompany competitions to see who could bring in the most aluminum cans.

"It's just a great way for us to give back while protecting the environment at the same time," says Roger Breshears, Ball's Manager of Continuous Operations. Ball Corporation is one of the leading manufacturers of metal cans in the area.

