



The Amherst Youth Foundation

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We're helping our environment and "going green" by saving paper & ink! We would appreciate your joining our efforts by opting to receive our newsletter in color via email, including pictures!

Just send your email address to ayfoffice@verizon.net to be included. This color newsletter can also be found on the AYF website: www.AmherstYouthFoundation.org.

 Please, Go Green with us!

Wanted:

Do you have an old foosball, air hockey or other table top unit in good condition? If so, please consider donating it to the Amherst Youth Foundation. We would be happy to arrange pick up for it.

Park Creek Agreement

Park Creek Senior Living Community on Mill Street has signed a three year agreement with the Foundation that in the event of an emergency, Park Creek residents can be evacuated to the AYF building located at 5005 Sheridan Dr. for temporary shelter. Neighbors helping neighbors!

Six Sigma Team Certification

The Amherst Youth Foundation is committed to maximizing the use of every donation. To that end, one of our volunteer Directors and two of our staff participated in Six Sigma Yellow Belt training workshops.

The Six Sigma process is used to save an organization time, eliminate waste, or improve outcomes of a given process. Our Six Sigma team of Director Mary-Diana Pouli, Office Manager Donna Cicero, and Special Event Coordinator Sherry Baiocco researched and streamlined the process of renting out meeting/event space in our building and made a series of improvements.

On Thursday, August 4th, our team received their Yellow Belt Certificates at the United Way office in Buffalo. Another great example of the Amherst Youth Foundation / United Way partnership!



William Hill, Mary-Diana Pouli, Sherry Baiocco, Donna Cicero and Joe Roccisano

26th Annual Golf Classic Recap

On July 25th, the Amherst Youth Foundation held its annual Golf Classic at the Westwood Country Club. Golfers enjoyed a day of sunshine, lunch, contests, dinner, prizes and a silent auction.

Thank you to the Sponsors and donors that made this event possible; we can't thank you enough for your outreach to the community. Thank you as well to our volunteers for ensuring the event ran smoothly!



Our Place Car Wash

Our Place would like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday August 27th to get their vehicle washed! They did a great job and had a lot of fun. Thank you for your continued support for local special needs young adults; they truly appreciated it!

National IMPACT Day of Service

As part of their National IMPACT day, Deloitte LLP of Amherst sent a crew to the Amherst Youth Foundation to work on projects throughout the building on Friday, June 10th. By sprucing up the Williamsville Youth & Family Center, Deloitte helped enrich the experience of youth in our community. We really appreciate their efforts, and love that we were part of their plan to help not-for-profits all over the country all on the same day!



Middle School Activity Nights

School is back in session and that means our free Middle School Activity Nights are back in action!

The first activity night this 2011-2012 school year was September 17th from 7 to 9:30pm. Thanks to sponsorship from the Eagle House Restaurant and Phatman Board Shop, it was held in honor of Alix Rice, a student at Williamsville North who recently lost her life.



Fran Knap of Phatman Boards with Alix's mom, Tammy Schueler.

Alix loved longboarding and in celebration of that, Phatman Board Shop did live skateboarding and longboarding demos. Part of our rear parking lot was set up as a skatepark and kids (with their parent's permission) tried out a variety of boards and tricks. Phatman Boardshop owner Bob Knap also presented a memorial stone to Tammy Schuler, Alix's mother.

Many students participated in crafting a spirit chain of paper links, with each link representing something they love to do in their lives. A board raffle and a silent auction generated over \$270 for organ donation right here in Western New York!



Our next Middle School Night is Oct. 22nd, which is a Halloween Costume event. Thanks to the Jolly Boys, the Eagle House and Amherstnightout.com, and of course, **you** for supporting these events! Feel free to come check an activity night out, donate your time and see what a great event this is for the local youth.

Upcoming Events:

October 22nd:

FREE Middle School Activity Night 7-9:30 pm
-Annual Costume Contest

November 11th:

FREE Middle School Activity Night 7-9:30 pm

December 10th:

FREE Middle School Activity Night 7-9:30 pm

January 29th, 2012:

Walk for Melissa Breast Cancer Walk @ Blvd Mall

March 10th:

8th Annual AYF Gala!

Rent Our Building!

Are you looking for a place to host your family party? Birthday party? Class fundraiser? Our Youth Center and coffeehouse is the perfect place to host your event! Arrange to take a tour of our building by calling 633-6773. Check out the rental space online at www.amherstyouthfoundation.org under "Facility Rentals".

Sponsor our Mini-Gym!

Are you looking for a unique local advertising opportunity? When you become a sponsor of the AYF Mini-Gym, a sign will be posted in the gym so that parents, children and community members may recognize your generous support.

For a donation of \$1000 to the Amherst Youth Foundation you will receive 2 years of recognition of your sponsorship. Our gym was used for youth basketball practices, after-school activities and middle school nights in the last year! Signs are 48"x32". For more information call Donna: 633-6773, or e-mail ayfoffice@verizon.net.

Thank you to our current gym sponsors: *The Jolly Boys of Williamsville*, *HSBC*, and *MJ Peterson-Allenhurst Apartments*.

Is your collection of obsolete cell phones and ink cartridges growing?



Do you have a drawer at home full of old cell phones? What does your office do with its

used printer ink and toner cartridges? We partner with Clover Technologies to recycle old cell phones, and home and office printer cartridges. For each item recycled, the Foundation receives a monetary donation. If your office is not already part of a recycling program, please consider saving them for the Amherst Youth Foundation—we will even arrange for pick-up.

Please call 633-6773 to arrange to either drop off of the items or to have us pick them up.

Suggestions? Comments?

Do you have a suggestion for something to be included in our next newsletter? Feedback or questions on anything you've read here? Please let us know by calling our office at 633-6773 or email ayfoffice@verizon.net, or find us on Facebook at Amherst YouthFoundation. We always appreciate hearing your thoughts!

We're Selling the BLUE MOON CARD!

The Blue Moon Card gives discounts at restaurants, shops, theater, classes, spas, bakeries, limousines, automotive and so much more throughout Amherst, Clarence, Lancaster, Cheektowaga, the Tonawandas, Depew, Kenmore and Lockport. Save hundreds throughout the year for just \$20, all while supporting your local business owner. And as a recipient charity, we receive half of your purchase price as a donation when you purchase it through us! Visit the website www.TheBlueMoonCard.com often a list of participating local businesses. Call 633-6773 and Sherry will personally bring your card to you (or arrange a pickup time if preferable).

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Thank you for your continued support of The Amherst Youth Foundation!

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