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Avondale Youth Assistance

Annual Report

December 2015

Avondale
Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

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A Message from our Chairperson

Michael Kazyak

As I start thinking about the past year, I am in awe how quickly the year went, all the work that was done and how much we have to be thankful for and thankful to. As always, we owe a big thank you to all of our major sponsors: The City of Auburn Hills, The City of Rochester Hills, The City of Troy, The Township of Bloomfield Hills, The Avondale School District and the Auburn Hills Morning Optimist Club.

We had success with our Back to School shopping and our annual Meijer Holiday Shopping. We were grateful to our youth representatives who put together our 4th annual Halloween Pumpkin Party. With the generosity of Farmboy Produce we were able to purchase 100 pumpkins. The students from the Avondale SKILL (Successful Keys for Independent Learning & Living) program made 150 cookies for the trick-or-treaters to decorate. Our Family Education program continues to move forward with programs for both young and older.

We had to say goodbye to another caseworker, Ragen Rockwell. Ragen had much to offer and was really entrenched in the community when she was reassigned to a new area. We then received information that our new caseworker was new to Youth Assistance and with that we welcomed Anna Torres. Anna came from Department of Human Services and when the school year started, Anna jumped in with both feet and has been able to take off where Ragen left off.

Our summer programs help the youth of the community. Between the Tim Horton Camp, Summer KAMP (Kids Academic Mentoring Program), as well as all the skill building programs and various summer camps, we were able to help students learn, grow and still find time for fun.

Without the dedication of all the board members and our Office Manager Colleen Sieh, none of this would be possible, As the chairperson, I am proud of each and every person associated with Avondale Youth Assistance and the great works taking place in our community.

Avondale Youth Assistance Mission Statement

To strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through volunteer involvement.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS 2015

Skill Building

27 students received financial assistance to participate in activities providing positive learning experiences including sports, school clubs & field trips, YMCA memberships, summer academic review & after-school activities.

Pumpkin Party Fun

Summer KAMPers & Staff

Pumpkin Party

175 children prepared for Halloween fun during the 4th Annual Great Pumpkin Party thanks to the Avondale High School National Honor Society & Avondale SKILL Program student volunteers.

Camp

50 children attended summer camps including 28 campers who received full scholarships to Tim Horton Camp in Nova Scotia. Other camps attended were Camps Copneconic & Skyline & Avondale Band & Cheer. Summer Day Camps included Auburn Hills, Avondale Busy Bees, YMCA & basketball.

Academic Support

86 students in grades 1-5 attended AYA KAMPs (Kids Academic Mentoring Programs) during the summer & after school receiving academic support in reading, writing & math. Many adult & student volunteers assist the paid staff.

Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation Dinner

bd's Mongolian Grill Auburn Hills

Youth Recognition

Youth Recognition 2015 Honoree

94 students grade six and beyond were chosen to be honored during the 48th Annual Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony for community service & personal achievement. This event is cosponsored by the Auburn Hills Morning Optimist Club.

Our Volunteers

Student Volunteers

1,582 volunteer hours of time & talent contributed to the success of our programs, a true testament of the dedication & commitment of the Avondale Community to Avondale Youth Assistance.

In-Kind Donations

$12,345 of in-kind donations helped make this another successful year at AYA. The Avondale School District provides space for our programs & offices and maintains our webpage. The City of Auburn Hills also provides valuable resources.

Shopping

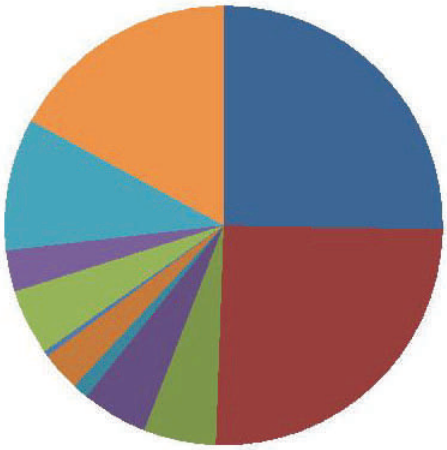
39 children shopped with a volunteer for Back to School & Holiday thanks to a partnership with Auburn Hills Meijer & Morning Optimist Club.

Family Education

39 adults attended programs providing families with useful information on the topics of strategies for struggling students, suicide prevention & abstinence along with Parent Café dialogue sessions.

FINANCES 2015

INCOME



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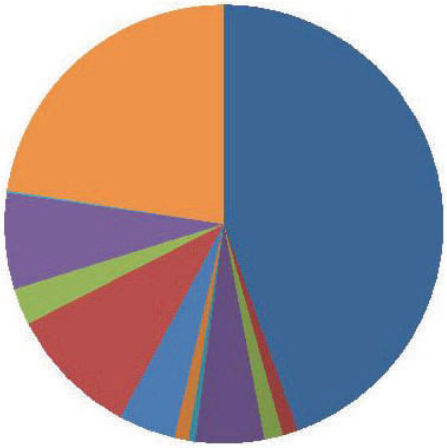

CASEWORK STATISTICS 2015

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Age

Age	Total	Female	Male
5	5	2	3
6	5	3	2
7	11	3	8
8	4	2	2
9	3	1	2
10	6	3	3
11	3	2	1
12	3	1	2
13	10	3	7
14	8	3	5
15	9	2	7
16	3	2	1
TOTALS	**70**	**27**	**43**

Closures

Total	Female	Male
100	40	60

Referral Reason

Reason	Total	Female	Male
ASSAULT AND BATTERY	1		1
HOME INCORRIGIBILITY	5	2	3
MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF P	2		2
PREVENTION	20	6	14
SCHOOL INCORRIGIBILITY	2		2
TRUANCY - SCHOOL	14	6	8
POSESSION OF MARIJUANA	1	1	
EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT	23	10	13
INTIMIDATION / HARASSMENT	1	1	
SEXTING-EXPLICIT MESSAGING	1	1	
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Referral Source

Source	Total	Female	Male
POLICE	10	3	7
PARENT/GRD	8	3	5
SCHOOL DISTRICT	51	20	31
DHS/CPS	1	1	
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Avondale Youth Assistance (AYA) is a non-profit community service organization committed to strengthening youth and families and reducing the incidence of juvenile delinquency, child neglect and abuse through community involvement. This mission is accomplished through the longstanding relationship with the Avondale School District, local municipalities and the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division which provides a caseworker to offer counseling to children and their families in Avondale. A board of community volunteers supports this mission by providing programs for Avondale students that include Youth Recognition, honoring student volunteerism and personal achievements; Mentors Plus, matching youngsters with a caring adult; after-school and summer academic support programs and parent support programs. Camp and skill building scholarships are awarded to students experiencing financial difficulties. Drug test kits are available to parents free of charge in an effort to keep kids on the right track.

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AYA operates with the sponsorship of the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, the Avondale School District, the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy and the Township of Bloomfield with principal funding supplied through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and major funding from the other sponsors. This continuing financial support enables AYA to provide programs and services to the community.

Avondale Youth Assistance does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs, activities or services as required by Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

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