

“Future Builder” Recognition

We are immensely grateful to the Mack S. Rau Foundation and Ms. Susan White for supporting our belief in the resiliency of at-risk youth and our vision for North County Trade Tech High School. Their generous gift of \$50,000 provided an enormous “kick” to our planning and charter development, and continued outreach. We are so grateful for Susan’s shared passion for keeping teens in school and the importance of providing relevant hands-on instruction (and hope) for a better future in the building trades. As a token of our appreciation, Ms. White and the Board of Directors of the Mack S. Rau Foundation were presented with a student designed pen in scripted with “Future Builder”.

Connecting Youth to Productive Careers (continued from front page)

program. Youth share in the governance of the program and participate in local community affairs, however it is through their community service and community development activities that they shine as positive leaders in their North San Diego communities. Student members are responsible for mentoring and modeling “master level skills” and conduct to newly entering students. “YouthBuild is one the most exciting and powerful programs we have been a part of. Students who have struggled with academics for most of their lives are transferring their hard work at the job site to a renewed dedication to achieve academically. Our students learn to value and respect others, and they gain a sense of responsibility to themselves, their families, their community, and to their futures.”



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Connecting Youth to Productive Careers in the Construction Trades

YouthBuild is a comprehensive job training, education and leadership development program for young men and women who have no apparent path to a productive future. Unemployed, underemployed and undereducated young people ages 16 to 19 work toward their high school diploma while learning

experience with this program is that it is nothing short of “transformational”. YouthBuild Director Bret Calhoun noted the ability of the YouthBuild Program to “successfully engage the young man who has a history of school and community problems, but

high school diploma.” An added incentive for the YouthBuild student is the provision of a bi-monthly pay stipend, to



New Haven YouthBuild with Director Bill Aitken

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job skills by building and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for homeless and low-income citizens. Strong emphasis is placed on leadership development and community service. Most importantly, YouthBuild challenges youth to achieve their goals by contributing positively to their communities.

YouthBuild has been an important component of New Haven’s education services since January 2005. Our

maintains a desire to graduate from high school and consider the career path of construction and related industries. Our students divide their time between the hands-on construction work site and the academic classroom. Academically, we focus on remediation and one-on-one instruction, with a focus towards obtaining those classes necessary for a

be banked for post-secondary training and education. Leadership development is another important component of the YouthBuild continued on back page

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Hope and Self-Respect Restored

Stories of success are common at New Haven, but those in our YouthBuild Program are sensational. Deshawn, 17, has been a student at New Haven for one year. In June, he graduated from New Haven with a high school diploma. While a diploma is certainly cause for celebration, the real triumphs are the significant changes Deshawn has made in his own life. Prior to his placement at New Haven, Deshawn had an extensive history of gang involvement, drug use, aggression, and a very troubled relationship with his mother. He had entered the juvenile justice system after assaulting a police officer while attempting to break up a fight at school. While at New Haven, Deshawn began to develop anger management and coping skills to deal with his feelings of

anger and aggression. The pivotal point for Deshawn was the day he entered the YouthBuild Program. Deshawn is leaving New Haven with real job skills and some money saved for college. Deshawn shared that “YouthBuild has given me a way to burn a lot of energy and to work with my hands and build something that I can be proud of!”

Deshawn, you certainly have built something that you can be proud of, and that is a brand new life for yourself. Deshawn is now a respectful young man, who works hard at the job site and in the classroom. He is considerate of others, a positive leader to his peers, and has restored his relationship with his mother. Deshawn plans on attending college this September and majoring in engineering. Congratulations Deshawn!



Deshawn

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Did You Know...

- We have been effectively working with youth and families since 1967
- We operate 12 residential facilities located throughout the cities of Vista, San Marcos, and Oceanside
- New Haven currently contracts with more than 50 school districts from throughout Southern California

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW!

According to an article in the Chronicle of Philanthropy (October 13, 2005), President Bush signed into law a measure that allows greater deductions from August 28 until the end of the year. Congress passed the measure to encourage people to give generously to hurricane-relief groups, as well as to other organizations that might otherwise suffer a loss of donations because so many people want to help hurricane victims. **The tax break is significant.**

Check with your accountant for details and consider a gift before December 31, 2006 when the increased tax break expires.

Community Connection

New Haven Youth & Family Services was chosen by The Home Depot to be their North San Diego County Month of Service project on September 22, 2005. The sponsorship included over \$5,000.00 in donated materials, over 150 employee volunteers from over 10 locations (including the Western Division President Bruce Merino), and vendor sponsors from within The Home Depot stores. Representatives from Behr paint, DeWalt tools, Albertson’s, and many more not only donated goods, but provided enthusiastic volunteers to work along side 18 of our youth. The projects included painting buildings, laying sod, landscaping, and the building of picnic tables and planters. We are deeply grateful for the time the volunteers spent with us and for the great work they did on our behalf.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE CORNER

A New Blueprint of Hope and Expertise

With the advent of a most successful strategic planning process in 2005, much about New Haven has been transformed this first quarter of 2006, including our newly “remodeled” quarterly newsletter. I hope you read our news with the sense of excitement and encouragement that so many of us feel here every day as we live our mission: *Building positive futures for youth, their families and our communities.*

Embracing the importance of strategic planning, New Haven approached LEAD San Diego for assistance. With this organization’s help, New Haven now has a blueprint for the next five years, including a revised vision statement: *We will attain a position of leadership in youth services, with programs that set the standard in mental health and education.* (See LEAD San Diego box for a list of our partners).

Reminded of the overwhelming positive regard for New Haven’s work with youth, families and agencies during the assessment process, it was decided that the time was right to get the word out about our successes and get the community more involved in achieving our goals. Most readily notable is our updated logo, mission and vision statements and updated website.

Residential treatment, education, vocational and clinical services are continuing their good works. In fact, we recommitted ourselves to providing only recognized “evidence-based best practices” and continual improvement and accountability for treatment results. We have customized an on-line, automated “care management system” that not only improves communication among team members, but provides “real time” feedback on the effectiveness of our work.

New Haven’s most significant change has been the redefining of the “at-risk adolescent”. Historically, New Haven has served youth referred through the special education and mental health systems. With the high school drop-out rate nearing 30% in North San Diego County and juvenile crime and homelessness rising, New Haven is now working on developing a North County trade charter school (grades 9-12) to reach youth who have or are at-risk of dropping out of school. Recognizing the transformational power of our pre-apprenticeship YouthBuild program, we believe partnering with the construction industry and the community is the right model for engaging community youth and steering those interested in the high need, high wage career path of construction. (See the front page for more on this challenge).

We hope the essence of our work will touch your heart and inspire you to get involved. Please join us as we rebuild lives and our communities.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: The Assistance League of North Coast

Shopping can be a sport for some and a truly touching experience for others. The Assistance League of North Coast has given the youth of New Haven Youth & Family Services the ability to experience both. We are the proud recipients of their newest community project which teams their members one-on-one with our youth and takes them shopping for everything from shoes to winter coats.

The most amazing part of this special group of women (and one sweet husband), is that they are truly hands on. In the last year, they have provided over 100 of our youth with everything from back to school clothes, shoes, winter coats, and more

New Haven YouthBuild Spurs Congressional Interest

New Haven YouthBuild students had an opportunity on August 23 to demonstrate their civic knowledge and leadership skills with a visit from United States Congressman Michael Michaud (Maine). As the Congressman listened intently, each student proudly presented a “before and after” picture of their lives; attributing much of their progress to the skills and positive leadership development learned through YouthBuild. Students spoke of their desire to enter the trades upon graduation as they toured with the Congressman through the school, vocational programs, and a campus home.

Also joining us was Sherry Yarborough, Executive Director of the ABC Apprenticeship Training Program and Rick Cole, Retired Coordinator of the Carpenter’s Union Apprenticeship Program to speak of the partnership with New Haven in the development of Trade Tech High School. In closing, the Congressman shared his background of working in the paper mills as a steelworker in central Maine and expressed our country’s need and his respect for high skilled workers in the various trades.



Congressman Michael Michaud (Maine) with YouthBuild students.

recently, summer attire. The relationships that develop in such a short “shopping” time can only be believed if they are seen with ones own eyes.

This special group of over 100 volunteers gave over 7000 volunteer hours to North County agencies in Carlsbad, Vista, and Oceanside last year. We feel lucky to be a part of such an amazing organization. Our relationship with “our” ladies, as the youth call them, can be summarized in one word “PRICELESS”.



New Haven youth with Rod Luck of KUSI-TV and The Assistance League of North Coast members

Building more than bookshelves

by Paul Anschuetz

“I’m proud of myself”, Robert said as he looked at his accomplishments of the day. Robert, 14, caked in sweat and sawdust was almost slurring his words in fatigue. With the help of the “crew”, Robert participated in the building of 180 back-pack book shelves for a local community school. As he stepped back, I watched Robert admire his work. While he had not completed all of his school assignments or chores this day, he was able to enjoy that sense of accomplishment that comes with doing quality work. Seizing the teachable moment, I enjoyed pointing out to Robert the rewards of a “job well done”. Robert’s sense of pride was priceless. It is moments of success like this that turn lives around at New Haven. In fact, I believe that it was at that moment that Robert began to work a little harder in school and cooperate a little more with his peers in his home.

As the woodshop teacher at New Haven, I witness many similar “turnaround” stories, because of the awesome generosity of community organizations and foundations like the Carlsbad Optimists, the Women’s Club of Vista and St. Germaines Auxiliary. With their support, New Haven has been able to operate a successful student-operated pen making business and our cabinetry shop..... and rebuild troubled lives.

Extending Our Reach

In recent months, Riverside County Mental Health has been swamped with new requests for Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS) for children and youth. The service region stretches from Temecula in the south, as far north as Colton, as far east as Beaumont, covering all places in between. New Haven has stepped up to answer the call. Under the leadership of Clinical Director Michelle Fogle, HFT and TBS Supervisor Dr. Jean Ghanem-Ybarra, New Haven has opened a TBS satellite office near Old Town Murrieta. The office will allow our agency to recruit, train and provide support to TBS coaches and to better serve the children and youth who live in the region. The office opened officially in mid-August. An Open House is planned for Tuesday, September 26, 2006 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.



Michelle Fogle (left) and Dr. Jean Ghanem-Ybarra