



# YOUTH FOR TOMORROW

BUILDING TOMORROW'S FUTURE WITH TODAY'S YOUTH

New Life Center, Manassas, Virginia

Joe Gibbs, Chairman



From left, Burgundy & Gold Master of Ceremonies George Michael and new Redskins Head Coach Jim Zorn; Keynote Speaker James Brown; and YFT Founder and Chairman Joe Gibbs.

## James Brown Delivers a Message for YFT Joe Gibbs Gives Welcome, George Michael Emcees Program

James Brown, one of the most widely recognized and admired sports commentators in the country, was not always the well-dressed, confident TV sports host seen on CBS Sports' *The NFL Today* or for many years on FOX NFL Sunday. "I came from similar circumstances, maybe not all the experiences you have had," he told the YFT residents at the Burgundy & Gold Banquet. "I lived in Southeast Washington with loving parents, but we had extremely modest means."

Brown keyed the YFT's 19th Annual Burgundy & Gold celebration, held April 16 at the Hilton McLean. After telling several humorous incidents from the sports world, he turned to the young people and gave them a very personal message based on his own experiences, making these points:

- Develop good communications skills—not just speaking, but listening and writing. "It might be hip to engage in slang, but you need the King's English."
- Dress and attire makes a statement about you before you open your mouth. "Be presentable. Keep it clean and neat. You need to be a professional."
- Be prompt. "Timeliness is so very important particularly as you get ready for the

world of work. It says you are dependable and reliable."

- Thirst and hunger for knowledge. "Don't let anyone tell you what you can't learn because of how challenging your background was or that you can't do it."
- Deal with adversity. "The Bible says everyone will experience trials and tribulations; they will prepare you for the next level that will be bigger and better."
- Develop interpersonal skills working in a diverse environment. There is strength in diversity. "Everybody has a God-given gift—look for that in each person."
- When you are done working, you can have fun. "Successful organizations are those whose members enjoy one another when you are doing well."

"These principles must be rooted in a firm foundation based on a relationship with God. The Bible is the manual for success in the game of life," he stressed.

Youth For Tomorrow Founder Joe Gibbs welcomed the overflow audience. Among the guests were Redskins owner Dan Snyder, new Redskins Head Coach Jim Zorn, and other notable players and staff. NBC4's George Michael, creator and host of the *Redskins Report* and *Full Court Press*, acted

as Master of Ceremonies. The Chairman of the 2008 Burgundy & Gold was Gary Nakamoto, Vice Chairman and CEO Base Technologies, Inc.

The event raised more than \$1,400,000 this year for the youth home, which depends heavily on four events to raise funds for its operating budget. While many residents are referred to YFT by courts or social workers and are partly supported by contract funding, YFT must raise private funds to provide the full range of residential, education, and counseling services. The ratio of private to contract funding is about 40-60%, YFT CEO Dr. Gary L. Jones said.

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## Enita's Story

I was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1990. I don't remember my parents ever being together, but I know that my mother and I were forced to relocate to Northern Virginia to be with my grandmother, so that my mother could escape an abusive situation with my father.

Childhood was not a happy time for me. My mother has been an abusive alcoholic my entire life, and her boyfriend, who lived with us, would beat me for simple things, like not finishing my food, or for leaving my lunchbox at school. Life never seemed to make very much sense to me as a child.

At one point, Child Protective Services removed me from my home, but it was not long before I was returned to my mother. No one believed that I was being abused at home. Once, when I ran away from home, after a beating, my mother was arrested, and put on probation for child-abuse, but again, I remained in her custody.

School had always been a safe haven for me. I was an excellent student, and I loved my Fairfax County high school. I loved getting away from my family, but all of this changed when I was sexually abused by two boys one day, right in the hallway. School was no longer a safe place, and home was never safe. I literally had nowhere to turn.

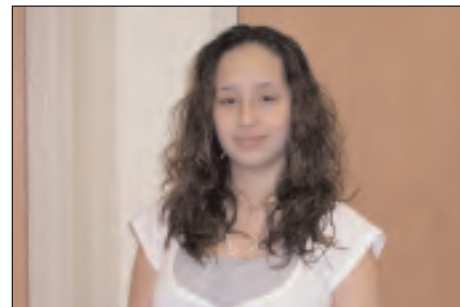
It's hard to say exactly when I became involved with gangs, drugs, and criminal activity – sometime in my early teens. Without the support of loving parents, and the fact that no one ever seemed to believe me when I told them how bad things were for me, I became angry, and the gang was willing to take me in and make me a part of their group. For the first time in my life, I felt that I truly belonged somewhere, and at the

time, I didn't care that I was hurting myself or others.

I was finally arrested at age fourteen, for multiple reasons. There was a warrant out, an allegation of assault, and I was also a runaway. I was sent to Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center for one year. I got in a lot of fights while I was there, and I was constantly being told that I was getting out, and it never happened. Afterward, I was sent to Keystone, a lock-down placement in Newport News, VA. I was there for about a year and a half, and the time that I spent at Keystone was relatively calm. I continued with my studies, and did what I could to help myself get out as soon as I could. After Keystone, I was placed at YFT by my probation officer. When I first came to YFT, I was so afraid to trust people, or develop relationships with my house parents. This slowly changed, over time, and I have developed friendships and relationships that I hope will last for a lifetime.

During the time I have spent at Youth For Tomorrow, I have learned many things. For instance, I have learned that I don't need to affiliate with a gang in order to feel secure, and therefore, have chosen to discontinue all contact with past gang-affiliated friends. Additionally, I have learned that it's okay to be angry, but I don't need to fight all the time to prove my point. Most importantly, I now have the tools necessary to deal with my problems, instead of running away from them. I am still estranged from my mother, and probably always will be, but accepting this fact is part of my growth.

YFT has given me the opportunity to carve a future for myself, out of the hard rock of life. YFT has been a life-line, providing sup-



port, encouragement, and great rewards for the hard work I have done. There are so many kids at YFT, just like myself, who come to YFT for many different reasons, but the thing that we all have in common is that we need a home, with love, support, and guidance, and an opportunity to realize our own, individual potential.

Next year, I will be starting college on a full tuition scholarship, thanks to the effort and support of Dr. Jones, and my YFT family. Dr. Jones has been a great influence on my life, and has given me the confidence to pursue my dream of earning a degree in Criminal Justice. It is my greatest hope to become a detective who works with teens and gangs, and also those who are affected by gangs. I truly believe that my past experience will help me to be more sensitive to the issues surrounding the criminal activity of gangs, and I will work hard to make a difference in this area.

My story does not end here, but will continue on. I will be leaving YFT, but I will take with me all I've been given, and all I've learned, and I know that because of YFT, I will be a good citizen, and I will strive to reach my greatest potential, helping others along the way to the best of my ability.

As Dr. Jones reminds us, staff and students alike, all that we achieve and accomplish at YFT is possible, in large part, because of the hundreds of donors who support us each year.

To each of you, I share a grateful attitude from all of us at Youth For Tomorrow. Were it not for you, I am frightened to think what may have happened to many of us – including me.

Thank you for caring – and for listening.

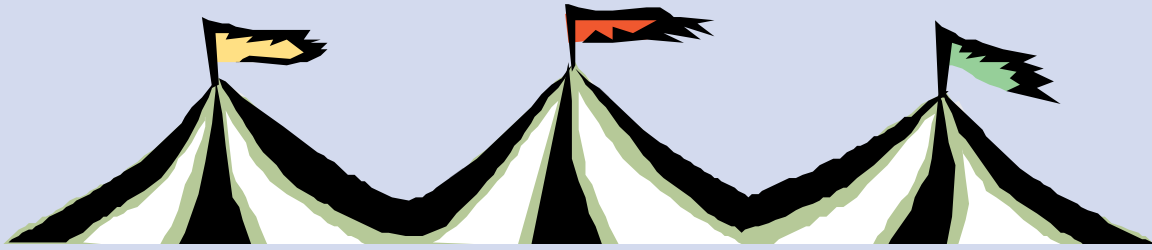
*Editor's Note: Enita will attend Virginia Commonwealth University this fall on a full tuition scholarship from YFT. After she told her story at the Burgundy & Gold Banquet, the winner of the "Day as a Fairfax County Police Helicopter Crew Member" experience in the live auction donated the prize to Enita.*



### First Impressions: Meet Joyce Coats

When a visitor first walks in to Youth For Tomorrow or calls on the telephone, he or she will always receive a pleasant, friendly greeting. That's because Joyce Coats is YFT's "first responder." Joyce has served as the YFT receptionist for more than four years. She also

is the coordinator for the YFT chapel, arranging for speakers. She lives in Manassas and has two grown sons, one a minister and another a musician.



## ***Coming Soon: Even Bigger and Better Country Fair and Auctions!!!***

*Everything fairgoers have known and loved in the past, including acres of amusements and field activities for kids of all ages such as the Quad Pod, Tree House Slide, tractor maze, train ride, Excalibur Castle, Coconut tree climbing, carousel, Ferris wheel, Rope-A-Phobia ropes course, ponies, petting zoo, and many other fun family activities, plus some new theme areas!*



### **AND THESE NEW ATTRACTIONS!!**

***The NASCAR Experience*** - Start your engines!! Experience the sights and sounds of NASCAR!! Joe Gibbs Racing will have on display their showcars along with their transporter that will be playing footage from recent NASCAR races. Enjoy the virtual reality simulator equipped with NASCAR driving stations provided by Coca-Cola. Fun racing activities for the young and the young at heart!!



***Frontier Town*** - Frontier Town will feature a Cowboy camp area with "Cowboys" attending their cooking fire, covered wagon, farm animals and livestock including horses, sheep, cows and goats. Take a shot at the shooting gallery, visit the blacksmith shop, panning for gold, roping demonstrations, and several other western themed activities.

***Indian Village*** - The Piscataway Indians will perform along with an Indian Teepee Village with hands-on exhibits to experience the way of life for the American Indian.

***Sports Fitness & Wellness*** - Featuring sports related activities, wellness screenings, exercise and fitness demonstrations.

### **GOOD FOOD!!! FABULOUS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS!!!**

### **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR—  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008**

*At the Youth For Tomorrow Campus in  
Manassas, VA  
For information, call 703-631-3360*





## *Dancing With the Stars Sweetheart Ball Theme a Huge Success*

Master of Ceremonies Joe Theismann, John Travolta, Cher, Joan Rivers, Redskins and their wives, Miss American Outstanding Teen of 2008, and NBC4's Lindsay Czarniak, were just a few of the stars at the February 14 YFT Sweetheart Dance. Well, maybe Travolta, Cher, and Rivers were impersonators, but the rest were real and it all added up to a gala evening at the Ritz Carlton.

Sweetheart Ball chair Cynthia Atwater and her program committee of Trice Lara, Wendy King, and

Louise Foreman created an exciting evening culminating in a dance competition that brought out a variety of hidden talents. After a spirited competition, the winners were YFT staffer Jean Jones and her husband Jim. Popular sportscaster Lindsay Czarniak, Voice of the Redskins Larry Michael, Mrs. Robin Theismann, Miss Outstanding Teen Caitlin Brunnell, and Dennis Schroeder of Dance Factory acted as judges.

Caitlin, the daughter of former Redskins quarterback Mark

Brunnell, had headed up an effort to provide donated gowns for the YFT girls to wear. She brought over 100 gowns for the girls to try on and to pick a dress for the occasion. The young ladies received a standing ovation when they came out on the dance floor.

Six former and current Redskins and their wives attended the ball. They were: Mark Brunnell, Jim Thrash, Lamar Alexander, Stephen Harris, Rocky McIntosh and Demetric Evans.

*Photos on this page, clockwise from top left: Miss American Outstanding Teen of 2008 Caitlin Brunnell; Sweetheart Ball Chair Cynthia Atwater and Master of Ceremonies Joe Theismann; NBC4's Lindsay Czarniak; Dance winners Jean and Jim Jones; the Young Ladies of YFT; and Trustee Ron Devine and YFT graduate Bryan Hill (see p.7) with former Redskins quarterback Mark Brunnell.*



# Reflections: YFT Pastor Talks About Faith in the Face of Adversity



*Editor's Note: In May of 2007, YFT Pastor Denny Glusko and his wife Diana had a serious car accident which left Diana paralyzed. After months of hospitalization, she is at home now, and they are using their experience to create a new prayer ministry. We asked Pastor Denny to share with us their thoughts.*

*For those who would like to assist the Gluskos, contributions may be sent to Pastor Denny Glusko, c/o Youth For Tomorrow, 11835 Hazel Circle Drive, Bristow, VA 20136.*

**Q: You and Diana have experienced a terrible tragedy, one that might have many others questioning their faith. How do you keep your faith in a time like this?**

A. Indeed May 6, 2007 was a moment of tragedy! The unexpected happened in our lives! Yet immediately our "journey of miracles" began as the Lord allowed Diana and me to live. The Scripture says that what was meant for evil, God takes and uses for His honor and glory. The very faith that we have, that which enabled us to repent of our sin and receive the glorious riches of God's grace and mercy that lead us to receiving Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Master, is itself a gift from Almighty God!

It seems that the "other" things that are part of life grab for our attention, seemingly in an effort to keep us from enjoying an intimate and personal relationship with Jesus Christ and yet the Bible tells us that we are to live by faith and not by sight. When all of those "other" things of life are stripped away, you come to know that the only One whom you can place your faith and trust in is the Living Christ, for truly He holds the Words of life for all who have ears to hear!

Diana and I have come to a very simple

understanding about walking in faith and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ in all things: Jesus You be Jesus and we will enjoy being the sheep of Your pasture!

**Q. How do you answer the question, "Why does God allow good people to suffer?"**

A. The term "good people" almost gives the impression that nothing "bad" can or should happen to me because I am "good people!" Yet I am mindful of the Scriptures and how they speak of man: "His righteous acts are like filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6) – "He has become worthless, his throat is like and open grave and his tongues practices deceit." (Ro. 3:12 & 13). There is much more that speaks about man's heart being wretched and wicked that does not indicate that man is "good people!" I share that only to make sure that I and those who have ears to hear fully understand that there is nothing "good" in man, apart from the righteousness of Almighty God that comes through a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Yet in the mercy, love and grace of Jesus Christ, sinful man has redemption and in that redemption the child of God finds that "suffering" is part of and necessary, if one is to share in the Lord's glory! (Ro. 8:17) I believe the sufferings that the believer goes through is part of what Romans 8:28 & 29 speak of when it states, "that we are being conformed to the image (likeness) of His Son!" For those who do not believe that suffering, for the cause of Jesus Christ is not part of the believer's life, need only to visit the Word of God and you will soon come to the conclusion that suffering is part of the believer's life in Christ Jesus!

1 Peter 4:12 thru 19 brings to light the blessing and joy of suffering.....in particular verse (16): "However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name." And James 1:2 - 4 speaks to the truth that we are to "consider it pure joy my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

**Q. What have you learned as a result of this experience?**

A. Wow....what a question! I believe that daily we are learning that our trust and

faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for and in all things is not some emotional or "have to do thing" we feel we must do!

BUT, we desire to hunger and thirst with our entire being after Jesus Christ as we walk in His presence daily! Without question, the learning will continue until we see Him face to face!

**Q. What scriptures or readings bring you comfort or understanding?**

A. This question is not easy to answer because the entire Word of The Lord is truthful and magnificent, but we can tell you that the Psalms and Isaiah have been foundational and meaningful to us through this past year. The Scripture the Lord gave us just a few days after the accident, and confirmed by Dr. Jones and Ms. Coats independent of each other, is Psalm 34:17 thru 19:

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in

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*The Lord has placed a burden of prayer on our hearts to pray for others. We believe that He has even given us the name for this "new" ministry for Diana and me: The Aaron & Hur Prayer Ministry. The desire of our hearts is that we would have the joy and privilege of praying for others. You may recall that Aaron and Hur lifted up the arms of Moses during a time of battle and when they did so the battle went well and when they did not, the battle went poorly! May we have the blessing of lifting up your arms as you seek the Lord in prayer in all things.*

*Our request is that we invite you to send us your prayer requests to our email address of: [glusko@yftva.com](mailto:glusko@yftva.com) and our commitment to you is that we will be "lifting up your arms" in prayer and joining you in the Father's Throne Room in prayer.*

*Our Love In Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Denny & Diana  
Exodus 17:8 thru 13*

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spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them ALL!"

And times of becoming weary and tired the Holy Spirit would have us bask in Isaiah Chapter 40, please let me encourage you to

take some time yet this day and read it!

**Q. What do you now consider yours and your wife's purpose in life?**

A. To give honor, glory and praise to God The Father through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ in all things.....NO MATTER

WHAT!

**Q. Do you believe in miracles?**

A. Yes and by the Father's grace and mercy we are living a "journey of miracles" daily finding that even the breath of life is a blessed miracle of the Lord!

### *Youth For Tomorrow Wish List*

*It's Spring—and YFT Needs Porch or Deck Furniture!!!*

*YFT's Seven Residences are in Need of Outdoor Chairs and Tables!*

*Also Needed:*

*Gift certificates to restaurants and amusement parks such as 6 Flags and King's Dominion*

*Clothing*

*Bedding*

*Shampoo, soaps, other toiletries*

*Sports equipment, games*



## *YFT Honored by The Washington Club*

Youth For Tomorrow has been honored with The Washington Club's Community Service Award. The award was presented by Linda Zigler at a luncheon at the Club's headquarters in Washington, DC on February 12, 2008.

Organized with an educational and social mission, The Washington Club was the first women's organization to be incorporated in the District of Columbia. Men were accorded privileges at the Club in 1979. It continues to enrich its members through its wide diversity of programs, excellent dining and beautiful surroundings.

## *Annual Golf Tournament Benefits YFT*

Golfers at the Joe Jacoby/Peterson Family Foundation Golf Classic teed off at 11 a.m. at the Westfields Golf Club on Tuesday, May 13. The annual event is chaired by Jon Peterson, and it was co-hosted by YFT Founder and Chairman Joe Gibbs and the great former Redskins player Joe Jacoby. Lunch was provided by Doc's Barbecue, and dinner by Carrabbas.

## *YFT Grads, Brothers Serve in Iraq*

Three brothers, two of whom graduated from the residential program at Youth For Tomorrow, had an unexpected reunion earlier this year—not in their hometown of Springfield, VA, but in Iraq.

Robert “Robbie” Hill, 22, was a YFT resident in 2002 and completed the program early the next year. His younger brother Bryan, 20, came to YFT later in 2003 and completed it in 2004. Both finished their high school education at Springfield High School, and joined the Marines. Their older brother, Josh, 24, a graduate of East Carolina University, had led the way into the military and is a 1st Lieutenant in the Army.

With busy lives, it was hard to get together. But this spring, after a year of not being together, they met at Al Asad, Iraq, where both Josh and Bryan were stationed. Informed by their mother, Linda, that their brother Robert was deploying to Iraq, they managed to get together to greet Robert as he landed with the rest of his Marine company.

Linda Hill is a faithful volunteer at YFT. “Our mom was okay with all of us deployed,” Josh said in an interview with an Army reporter. “I respect her strength, because it’s not easy sending one kid to war, let alone three kids.”



### *Examples of Other YFT Distinguished Graduates*

Leisha, 2005, Student, Virginia State U.  
 Shawanna, 2004, Student, Westwood College  
 Ashley, 2004, Medical Assistant  
 Maria, 2006, Student, NOVA  
 Nick, 2004, Student, Architectural Design  
 Ashley, 2006, Student, Lord Fairfax CC  
 Matthew, 2003, Student, Art Institute, RI  
 Jason, 1997, Army, Iraq  
 Mychael, 2004, UDC  
 Matthew, 2001, Student, Liberty University  
 John, 1986, College Professor  
 Heather, 2005, Student, Hair Design School  
 Justin, 2004, Manager, CINPAS  
 Stephen, 2001, Student, Lord Fairfax CC  
 Jade, 2006, Student, University of Phoenix  
 David, 2006, Electrician Apprentice  
 Jeomara, 2003, Medical Assistant

Immanuel, 2006, Student, Wilberforce U.  
 Devin, 2003, Student, Old Dominion U.  
 Stephen, 2002, Army, Iraq  
 Dan, 1993, Project Control Analyst II, SAIC  
 Andrew, 1988, Owner, IT Consulting  
 Tiana, 2004, Student, UDC  
 April, 2004, Student, Trinity U.  
 Teion, 1993, Owner, Photo Company  
 Katlyn, 2005, Student, Potomac State U.  
 George, 2001, Owner, Building Company  
 Doug, 2003, United Auto Tech. Institute  
 Marlin, 2002, Marine, Iraq  
 Gus, 2002, Student, NOVA  
 JD, 2003, Student, Waynesburg College  
 Billy, 1987, Youth Pastor  
 Sean, 2000, YFT Staff  
 Bill, 1993, Foreman, Construction Company

## ***SAVE THE DATE!!***

***Thursday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.***  
***21st Annual Graduation and Awards Program***  
***YFT Campus, Bristow, VA***

***Saturday, October 4***  
***YFT 23rd Annual Country Fair/Auctions***  
***YFT Campus, Bristow, VA***

### ***Please Note!!***

***YFT'S number for the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area is 98682.***

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