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THE YOUTH FOR TOMORROW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - 2024
This time of year always makes us think of the gift of “new life”.

The campus is filled with the blooming of various spring flora, wildlife younglings emerge from their hidings, the flock of geese seems to double in numbers within a couple of months and our residents spend more time enjoying the outdoors. These are all beautiful reminders of new beginnings.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.” I certainly see Him at work at Youth For Tomorrow; making all things new as He brings healing and hope to the 162 children currently on our campus and the 1,532 outpatient clients throughout our seven Regional Offices. Last week, our Regional Offices set a record performing 846 clinical sessions and we are forecasting a 30 - 40% increase in requests for clinical sessions this calendar year. God is making all things new as He continues to work through our tremendous staff and our dedicated Boards to accomplish His purposes.

As we plan and prepare for future years, I also want to take the opportunity to acknowledge our impressive heritage and to celebrate three remarkable men who greatly contributed to establishing and furthering the growth of YFT – William A. Hazel, Sr., Bob Wiser and Cecil Pruitt, Jr. - who are the Class of 2024 inductees into the YFT Hall of Fame.

William A. Hazel, Sr. was a prominent philanthropist, prestigious civic leader, an astute businessman, and a founding member of YFT with Coach Gibbs in 1984. In 1988, I had just been hired as a fundraiser and an advisor to the Board of Trustees …… and that is when Bill Hazel and I sat down in his office for a visit over a cup of coffee. Bill saw to it, as he remarked, “Gary! I think we need to plan a fundraising event with Coach Gibbs that will reach the corporate and business community.” And that’s how this event—the Burgundy & Gold Banquet—was born. He was a great friend and nonpareil mentor for me and many others until his passing in 2012.

Bob Wiser was a man who rose from a humble childhood to become a devoted philanthropist to YFT. In 1998, Bob brought to life the vision to begin a girls’ program. The “Wiser Village for Girls” recognizes his faithful and generous support in purchasing an adjacent property, building six girl’s homes and a wing on the school which will serve girls for generations to come. Always dedicated to the leadership of Coach Joe Gibbs and to his friend, William A. Hazel, Mr. Wiser will always be remembered for his generous heart and genuine humility.

Cecil Pruitt, Jr. began his faithful support for YFT on July 14, 1988, when he was Bill Hazel’s guest at a fundraiser hosted by Bill and his brother Til as a precursor to the Country Fair/Auctions. At the end of the event, Cecil gave his best friend Bill Hazel a check for $50,000! In October 2023, almost 40 years later,
the Pruitt Center for Administration and Behavioral Health was dedicated and was made possible with his generous lead gift of $3,000,000. Over these 40 years, Cecil has stepped forward when needed with countless contributions to help support our children and programs.

These remarkable men changed the trajectory of YFT by their incalculable generosity and dedication to the Youth For Tomorrow mission. Their legacies are thought of daily as we drive up Hazel Circle Drive, make our way past the Pruitt Center and down the drive to the Wiser Village for Girls.

We praise the Lord for using them to help us create a solid foundation at YFT.

Dr. Gary L. Jones
CEO

Whatsoever you do for the least of Mine, you do for Me. —Matthew 25:40

THURSDAY
MAY 16, 2024
THE RITZ CARLTON
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WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Peyton Manning
Two-Time Super Bowl-Winning Quarterback, Five-Time NFL MVP and Member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2021
Melissa Gibbs’ Remarks at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking for the J.D. and Coy Gibbs Homes for Boys at YFT

“I am really proud to be a Gibbs, and to be associated with all that’s going on here at YFT. It’s just an amazing place and our whole family will be in it for the long haul with you.

I am honored to be here with J.D.’s parents, Joe and Pat Gibbs, and his 2 best friends, and one of his sons, Miller. If you knew J.D. then you would have no problem figuring out who Miller is, he has a very striking resemblance to his Dad!

It’s really a Beauty From Ashes (Isaiah 61:3) kind of thing for us, because it was the death of J.D. and Coy that brought this into being, and God’s promised us that all things work together for good, but he doesn’t say that all things are good. Certainly, losing a husband, son, father, friend was not good. But God is working it out for good.

He’s bringing Beauty From Ashes, and I’m thankful to Ed Laukes and Bob Carter of Toyota for taking such inspiration from the lives of J.D. and Coy, that they wanted to do something that would honor them and make a difference in the lives of others.

What matters today is not that that J.D. and Coy’s names are on these two homes, but that their lives -- and ultimately their deaths -- were the catalyst for these two buildings. That these two homes will directly impact thousands of lives -- and that those thousands of lives will have generational impact that is immeasurable.

So much of the suffering that goes on in our lives seems pointless, and we have to take on our faith that it’s going to make sense to us someday. It’s a gift when we get to see some meaning to our suffering on this side of eternity and these two homes are the exact example of that.

Thank you to the donors and the organizers of this effort, and for allowing us to see that our pain was not wasted. God’s going to do big things here in these homes, homes that were built because the lives of two good men who are no longer with us mattered. Thank you.”

The J.D. and Coy Gibbs Homes for Boys Dedication

The J.D. and Coy Gibbs Homes for Boys Made Possible by:

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The J.D. and Coy Gibbs Homes for Boys Dedication

May 2023 – The Ceremonial Groundbreaking

August to November 1, 2023 – Construction is Well Underway!

April, 2024 – Finishing Touches

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting

CEREMONY FOR

THE J.D. AND COY GIBBS HOMES FOR BOYS

THURSDAY MAY 16, 2024

11835 Hazel Circle Drive | Bristow, VA 20136

2:30-3:00pm: Visit and Tour the Gibbs Homes

3:00-3:30pm: Dedication Ceremony

Please RSVP by emailing Kyle Turner at KTTurner@yftva.com
Carl Street Receives the Virginia Health Care Foundation Champion Award

We are proud to announce that Carl Street, Vice President of Behavioral Health Services, has been selected as a recipient of the Virginia Health Care Foundation's Mental Health Champion Award!

“Champions” were selected by an independent panel of judges comprised of the VA Secretary of Health and Human Resources, a representative of VA Medicaid Managed Care organizations, and Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) Trustees/Advisors. Per a VHCF representative, Carl’s selection was the first time that the panel of judges voted unanimously for the recipient.

VHCF will host their annual Champion Awards Luncheon in Richmond on May 31st where Carl will be presented with an award along with a gift of $2,500 and an additional gift of $2,500 to YFT.

Per VHCF, “The VHCF’s Mental Health Champion Awards recognizes individuals or teams who exemplify compassion, dedication and resilience, making a lasting impact on the well-being of countless Virginians.”

Carl came to YFT in 1989, working first on the weekends in the residential program as well as coaching both the basketball and soccer team while attending college. Carl earned a BA in Psychology from George Mason University and an MA in Professional Counseling from Liberty University. He is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), a Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioner (LSATP) and certified as a Master Addiction Counselor (MAC).

After taking a brief hiatus from YFT in 2005 to serve as a Mental Health/Substance Abuse Therapist in Prince William County, he returned in 2015 to lead our outpatient behavioral health program. “Dr. Jones’ vision to expand Behavioral Health Services came at the right time,” as Carl explained, “if not us, then who? It is a calling and our mission.” Carl has been instrumental in expanding from one regional office to seven across four major counties: Prince William, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Fauquier.

Dr. Jones commented on Carl's award, “Carl is the epitome of a professional! He sets high standards for himself and for those who report to him. Carl is a valued community partner, serving on CPMT (PWC), Mental Health School Coalition (Fauquier), Mental Health Collaborative, Rappahannock Roundtable, Fauquier Anti-Sex Trafficking Alliance, and until recently, the Greater Prince William Trauma Informed Care network, and Loudoun Chamber of Commerce.
Youth For Tomorrow Behavioral Health Services

Youth For Tomorrow relies on grants from private and public foundations to help provide support for our Behavioral Health programs and serving the needs of the children and families in the community.

A Special Thanks to:

**Potomac Health Foundation**

Potomac Health Foundation for their generous and faithful support for YFT to provide Behavioral Health Services in Prince William County.

**PATH FOUNDATION**

PATH Foundation financially supported YFT and the expansion of behavioral health and counseling programs in Fauquier County.

**Virginia Health Care Foundation**

Virginia Health Care Foundation provided funding for additional therapists in YFT’s Warrenton and the Dumfries Regional Offices.

**Sentara Foundation**

Sentara Foundation for their support for the Prince William County Behavioral Health Regional Offices.

**Rotary Club of Warrenton**

Rotary Club of Warrenton provided funding to support our Fauquier Regional Office.

**Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Hampton Roads**

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) of Hampton Roads – for providing funding support for aftercare and scholarships.

**100 Women Strong**

100 Women Strong provided funding to support the Loudoun Regional Office.

**UVA Health Foundation**

UVA Health Foundation provided funding to assist our therapists seeking licensure supervision.

**WISE Foundation**

WISE Foundation provided funding to help support the Fauquier Regional Office.

**Warrenton TOYOTA**

Dan Abel – Warrenton Toyota – provided support for the Fauquier Regional Office.
Mental health encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing, and is an essential component of our overall health.

All of us, at all ages, occasionally experience fear, worry, sadness, or distress. In most cases, these symptoms are short-lived and don’t affect our ability to function. But, at other times, symptoms can cause serious difficulties with daily functioning and affect our relationships with others with conditions such as anxiety disorders, major depressive disorder, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders among others.

Mental health challenges are the leading cause of disability and poor life outcomes in children and young adults. Unfortunately, in recent years, we’ve seen significant increases in certain mental health disorders including depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in young people ages 10 to 24. (CDC)

Every child’s path to adulthood—reaching developmental and emotional milestones, learning healthy social skills and coping with problems—is different and difficult. Many faces added challenges along the way, often beyond their control. But the challenges today’s generation of young people face are unprecedented and uniquely hard to navigate. And the
Mental Health Awareness Month

effect these challenges have had on their mental health is devastating.

Individuals, especially young people, are bombarded with adverse messaging through the media and social media channels, that when not positioned responsibly these outlets can pit us against one another and undermine one’s moral and spiritual compass.

Young people often learn behaviors and habits from what they see around them. Model positive ways you deal with stress so your family can learn from you. A

Ways to take care of your own mental health include taking breaks, getting enough sleep, exercising, eating balanced meals, maintaining regular routines, obtaining health insurance coverage, staying connected with family and friends, and taking time to unplug from technology or social media.
Because of YFT, I was able to Move Forward

After bouncing around from one treatment facility to another over several years, Adam eventually found his way to YFT. It was here that he started to feel his life change. He began intensive therapy and to do what he calls the “hard work” of his life—discovering his own sense of identity, learning coping skills and finding a new definition of “family.”

“For everything I have been through and for all the bad decisions I’ve made, there were people here eager to see me as important and to make me feel like I belong somewhere,” he recalls of his time at YFT. “There were people who actually wanted me to do well. I had never had that feeling before!”

Although he graduated from YFT 10 years ago, Adam still can list the names of staff who positively impacted his life during his time at YFT. But one in particular—his House “Dad”, Mr. Duncan Jones—has left a permanent imprint on his life.

He was the father figure I needed,” Adam says. “I love and respect everything about him. What I needed the most was just knowing that someone cares and he gave me that! Because of YFT, I was able to move forward.”

And he knows that no matter what, YFT will always be there for him. “It doesn’t matter who you are or how different your walk of life has been. When you go to YFT, you become family and they’re what family is supposed to be.”

P.S. Adam enjoys returning to campus to attend the Country Fair!
The Sweetheart Benefit Raffle Grand Prize Winners

Congratulations to Anita Rau of Rochester, MN who was the Grand Prize winner for the Sweetheart Benefit Raffle!!

Beaming with excitement and her winning ticket in hand as she takes delivery of her 2024 Toyota Grand Highlander Hybrid XLE! Ken Shepherd, Managing Partner at Miller Toyota and YFT Trustee welcomes his former neighbor who purchased the winning ticket from him!

Raffle 2nd Prize Winner - $10,000! Congratulations to Tom Doherty who was the 2nd prize winner - $10,000 in cash!!

What made him decide to buy a ticket?
“Well I was in having my car serviced and saw this display, I’m familiar with YFT and know it is a good cause. We’re in the market for a Highlander actually so we thought it would be good to take a chance! Sure enough it was a winning ticket!”

How did he get the news he had won?
“I went on-line and checked the list of winning names, and then we got a call later that day from Love Jones from YFT.”

What are you going to do with the money?
“Oh…..we’ve already spent it a thousand ways, I don’t know quite yet.”

“So, You’re 18...”

THANK YOU to Prince William Attorney, Brad Marshall and to the Chief Public Defender, Tracy Lenox along with the Prince William County Bar Association for presenting “So, You’re 18” to our boys and girls. They were impressed with how attentive and engaged our residents were and that they asked a lot of questions.

The Prince William County Bar Association brings the “So, You’re 18” program to high schools throughout the county. This is an informative program developed by the Virginia State Bar Association. This comprehensive program is presented at local high schools by trained volunteer attorneys to teach teens about the responsibilities of becoming a “legal” adult. The topics included credit and consumer law issues, landlord-tenant law, the consequences associated with underage drinking and driving. By providing age-appropriate legal guidance and resources available, the attorneys hope our teens make good choices and realize consequences when they don't.
The Heart 2 Heart Gala

After months of planning and preparation, event Co-Chairs, Cynthia Atwater and Patsy Norton, magnificently orchestrated another amazing Heart 2 Heart Gala! It was our faithfully generous and gracious donors who supported the Heart 2 Heart Gala and the Sweetheart Benefit Raffle who made it a very successful fundraising evening, all to benefit Youth For Tomorrow’s residential programs and our seven regional offices for Behavioral Health Services.

The exciting evening was filled with so many special moments!

We were thrilled to have our Founder and Chairman, Coach Joe Gibbs accompanied by his lovely daughter-in-law, Melissa Gibbs and Coach’s handsome grandson, Miller. Melissa serves on the YFT Foundation Board of Directors.

Former YFT resident, Jovanne Delgado spoke of his years of hard work and perseverance to earn his Master Plumber License. And, it was with the influence and help by YFT Trustee Tom Holly, that he recently opened his own business, Elite Plumbing Services.

Cecilia Hodges, Regional President for M&T Bank was presented the annual “In A Heartbeat” award. Cecilia has brought her leadership and community relationships to the furtherance of the mission of YFT.

What an amazing and memorable concert by Gary LeVox, who performed many of his Rascal Flatts hits!! One of our Diamond sponsors, Ken and Sharree Ryder and Ken’s band, One Hot Mess, “rocked the house” opening and closing for our featured performer!

And of course, the fellowship everyone enjoyed by spending the evening together!
The Heart 2 Heart Gala

Coach Gibbs shares an amusing story with the audience.

The President’s Own Band – The Fife and Drum Corp - leads the procession from the reception into the ballroom.

Johnny and Katie Groupe were the winning bidders for the Gary LeVox personally autographed guitar. Johnny and Katie, with a very generous bid, also took home the Taylor Swift autographed guitar!!

YFT Board President, Deborah Tompkins Johnson with welcoming remarks.

YFT Trustee, Ken Ryder along with his band, “One Hot Mess” also provided music for the evening to “dance the night away!”

Cynthia Atwater, Heart 2 Heart Co-Chair, welcomes everyone and provides opening remarks.


Patry Norton, Heart 2 Heart Co-Chair, graciously thanks our sponsors and guests.

Presenting Sponsor and YFT Trustee, Cyndi Butler takes a photo with Gary LeVox and YFT Sr. Vice President, Love Jones.

YFT Trustee, Larry Rosenthal masterfully served as the Master of Ceremonies.
The Heart 2 Heart Gala

Board of Trustees Vice President, Tom Holly applauds Jovanne Delgado following his testimony.

YFT Board of Trustee incoming President, Deborah Tompkins and immediate past President, Vern McHargue.

Cecilia Hodges, Regional President for M&T Bank is the recipient of the, “In a Heartbeat” Award at the Heart 2 Heart Gala

John Nicholls and his team from Nicholls Auction and Marketing Group leads another successful live auction with spirited bidding.

Presenting Sponsor and YFT Trustee, Cyndy Butler is recognized for her generous support for YFT and the Gala.

Coach Gibbs greets Jovanne following his testimony.

Katie Wiser and the “girls” with Bob Wiser’s sister, Gladys Woodson who at 53 felt like she was 53 that evening!

Emily Corder, Special Event Coordinator, displays the autographed KISS guitar for bidding in the live auction.

Platinum Sponsors, Cynthia Atwater and Mike Sullivan with OneDigital taking a group photo with their guests.

YFT Advisory Board members, Ross and Marisa Friedman pose for a photo at the photobooth.
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Upcoming Events

May 16, 2024    Burgundy & Gold Banquet
Chairman - Adam Volanth, Bohler Engineering

May 16, 2024    Dedication of the J.D. and Coy Gibbs Homes for Boys
Youth For Tomorrow Campus

June 11, 2024   YFT Golf Classic
Chairman – Jon Peterson, Peterson Companies

October 5, 2024  The 39th Annual Country Fair & Auction
Co-Chairs, Ken Shepherd, Miller Toyota
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All funds raised for the Lifesavers Campaign will go directly to “Fund for the Unfunded” creating scholarships to Youth For Tomorrow so that young people can get the help they need.