



# REACH OUR YOUTH (ROY) INC. REFLECTIONS

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## BOWLING PARTY

Let's get together on Saturday, **April 8th**, for a great afternoon of fun at Kenilee Lanes, 14 E. Seminary Street, Norwalk.

This event will be held from noon to 2:00 p.m. and will include free shoe rental, unlimited bowling, pizza and snacks. There will also be glow bowling, which is a favorite activity of our group.

Please make reservations by Friday, March 31st. There is limited space, so make your reservations early.



Youth are invited to participate in a Bakers-In-Training activity at Panera Bread, 5203 Milan Road, Sandusky. This activity is scheduled on Wednesday, **June 21st**, at 2:00 p.m.

Each participant will receive a baking hat and apron, score and bake their own French Baguette (as well as one to donate), decorate their own cookie, tour the restaurant and receive a class certificate.

Twelve youth accompanied by their mentors or parents, can attend this fun event. Contact the office to make a reservation. Priority will be given first to those who did not attend this event previously.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Scholarship applications are now available to current mentees and mentors who will be graduating from high school in 2017 and have been active in ROY for at least six months. Just contact the office for an application. The deadline for submission is **April 4th**.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



A pancake breakfast has been scheduled as a fundraiser for the ROY Scholarship Fund. Breakfast will be served on Saturday, **April 22nd**, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the VFW, 140 Milan Ave., Norwalk.

The ROY Board of Directors is organizing this event. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting the ROY office or at the door. Prices are as follows: adults \$5.00, under age 10 \$3.00 and family \$14.00.

Help is needed from mentees and mentors with serving and bussing tables. If you can work a 2-3 hour shift, please notify the office. It helps to promote ROY and the scholarship fund if the community sees our matches in action and willing to work for a cause they believe in.

**HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!**

April 23rd-29th

Thank you ROY volunteers for giving freely of your time and skills to serve the needs of local children.

Thank you for making the world a brighter place!



**TAKE THOSE FIRST STEPS TO GETTING AHEAD!**

The Norwalk Area United Fund will be hosting its third Getting Ahead workshop soon. The workshop is a free step-by-step life planning process for individuals in poverty. The Getting Ahead process will enable participants to create a future outside of poverty and provides support and guidance to get out of poverty. Make that call today for more details at 419-668-0269.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MENTORING MATCHES WORKS**



**JANUARY**

Malorie Malson & Bailey (2 years)  
Carrie Schlechter & Liberty (2 years)

**FEBRUARY**

Andrea Gravenhorst & Draven (9 years)  
Melissa Bahleda & Chloe (2 years)  
Dan Schloemer & Alex (3 years)

**MARCH**

Marie Elmlinger & Yoni (8 years)

*\*Thank you mentors for giving so much of yourself to your mentee and for such longevity to your mentee & ROY!*

**NEW MATCH-UPS CONTINUED**



**Amy Beier & Marie**



**Kimberly Boss & Feli**

**LINK TO YOUTH.  
BE A MENTOR.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



**WELCOME NEW MATCH-UPS**



**Angela Timbs & Arianna**



**Alyssa Leiby & Kaleigh**



**Tanner Radcliffe & Elisha**



**Joe Kesner & Justin**



**Alyshia Leimeister & Jazzman**



**Joe Missler & Davion**

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## ACTIVITY



### Skating Party



A roller skating party was held for 80 attendees on February 18th at The Haven in Norwalk. This event included free skating, games, door prizes, pizza and other treats.

Gently worn sweaters from the Norwalk Area United Fund's annual sweater drive were given to the youth.

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Norwalk for the use of The Haven for our group event.



Fifty tickets were purchased for ROY mentors and mentees to attend the spring musical presented by Norwalk High School students on March 12th. It was a wonderful theatrical experience for our kids.

### Coach a Kid in the Game of Life ... Be a Mentor

Mentoring is one of the best ways to help kids live healthy, happy lives. For children without positive



role models, mentors offer valuable guidance, support, and friendship. In fact, children who meet regularly with a mentor are more likely to stay out of trouble, succeed in school, and achieve their goals.

Unfortunately, many children do not have the mentors they need. But you can help, regardless of your background or skills. A simple offering of your time and compassion can make all the difference in a child's life.

Just about anyone, from young adults to retirees, can be a mentor. The most important qualification is a commitment to making the world a better place for children.

To mentor one of the 75 children in Huron County on the Reach Our Youth waiting list, contact the office to volunteer.

(Article taken from Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention)

## 2016 ROY STATISTICS



Referrals of youth: 42  
New match-ups: 22  
Current match-ups: 49  
Group activities held: 10  
Public relations events: 12

Reported volunteer hours: 2,977  
Reported volunteer dollars spent on mentees: \$3,585



### Financial Supporters

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21st Century Foundation Grant

St. Paul Catholic Church

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Don & Audrey Starbuck

### Donations In-Kind

Bonnie Anderson (toys)

Norwalk VFW (free use of hall)

Christmas Giving Tree Supporters (gifts)

Norwalk Area United Fund (sweaters)



**HELPFUL HINTS....**

Search Institute has identified 5 key areas of relationships that help kids thrive. They found that it's the combination of these elements that really have power in a child's development.

These key areas are:

- ◆ **Express care**– kids don't care what you know until they know you care.
- ◆ **Challenge growth**– sometimes kids need love plus challenges.
- ◆ **Provide support**– active engagement of young people to complete tasks and achieve goals.
- ◆ **Share power**– helping kids know they have a voice and agency over what happens in their lives.
- ◆ **Expand possibilities**– helping kids connect with other people and places that will expand their world.

Their researchers have found that when kids experience these five factors in their relationships, they have a greater chance of experiencing critical character strengths, such as motivation, perseverance, curiosity and conscientiousness.



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**KENILEE LANES**  
*Noon - 2:00 p.m.*
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**NORWALK VFW**  
*8:00 - 11:00 a.m.*
- APRIL 23rd to 29th** **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**  
*(Thank you volunteers!)*
- JUNE 21st:** **BAKERS-IN-TRAINING**  
**PANERA BREAD, SANDUSKY**  
*2:00 p.m. start time*
- JULY 15th:** **PICNIC, SHELTER #4**  
**MEMORIAL LAKE PARK, NORWALK**  
*11:00 a.m. start time*

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