



REACH OUR YOUTH (ROY) INC. REFLECTIONS

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A BIG Congratulations goes to Kathy Noftz on her retirement! Kathy has generously served as the Executive Director of Reach Our Youth for 34 years. Thank you, Kathy, for all you've given over the years to the ROY program and for all your hard work. You'll be missed by all!!

Taking her place as Executive Director is Sarah Simmons, who comes to us from the Norwalk Area United Fund. Sarah has been a ROY volunteer mentor since November 2013. She understands she has big shoes to fill, but is excited about the challenge!



Sarah & her mentee, Allegra, at the Fall Fun Event

“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence”

-Sheryl Sandberg

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NORWALK AREA UNITED FUND &
THE UNITED FUND OF WILLARD, INC.

The Norwalk Area United Fund and the Willard United Fund both recently kicked off their 2018 Fundraising Campaigns. ROY is very fortunate to receive funding for Group Activities from both of these agencies.



Thank you to the local United Funds for their continued support of ROY. Dollars given to the United Funds stay right here in our community and are used to directly benefit Huron County citizens. The United Fund agencies work together to provide the best possible services to local residents. Please help support the local United Funds. Brochures are available in the ROY office.





Bicycling Adventure!

Sixteen mentors and youth enjoyed this small group activity on September 2nd.

The adventure began at the Firelands Rails To Trails bike path on North West Street in Norwalk.

The bicyclists rode the trail to Monroeville and had a picnic lunch before heading back on the beautiful trail.

Thank you to our leader for this event, Rebecca Riley, for her enthusiasm and direction.

Appreciation is also extended to Joe Missler of Excel Bike & Fitness in Norwalk for lending and repairing bicycles for this outing and to Fisher-Titus Medical Center for the donation of bicycle helmets.



Activity Updates

Picnic Fun!



The annual summer picnic was held on July 17th, from 11a.m. until 2p.m., at the Norwalk Reservoir. The youth and volunteers celebrated summer with crafts, games, and a delicious cook-out. Officer Nicholas Weber with the Norwalk Police Department brought his dog and gave a K9 demonstration before lunch. ROY tshirts and books from First Book were distributed to all in attendance. We ended the afternoon with the traditional water balloon & candy toss, and a refreshing ice cream treat. All the ROY kids went home with colorful kites and big smiles.



Thank you to all of our volunteers who brought a side dish, those who helped grill and the 4-H Peeps group who helped out by facilitating the craft tables!!



Autumn Adventure

On Saturday, October 7th, Reach Our Youth mentors and youth enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon at Burnham Orchards in Berlin Heights. We celebrated with all the fall staples—a hay ride, corn maze and cider & donuts!



Happy Anniversary Matches!

October

Diane Hahler-Johnson & Diego (4 years)
Tessie Kernell & Kathryn (9 years)

November

Donna Elmlinger & Manolo & Christian & Yoni (6 years)
Marie Elmlinger & Manolo (6 years)
Betty Kernell & Kathryn (7 years)
Alyssa Leiby & Kaleigh (1 year)
Angie Timbs & Arianna (1 year)

December

Kimberly Boss & Feli (1 year)

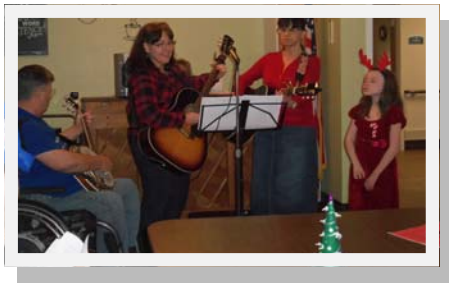
Holiday Happen- Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held again this year on Saturday, December 9th, at the VFW, 140 Milan Ave., Norwalk. The luncheon will begin at noon.

The festivities will include door prizes and entertainment by Magical Entertainer Greg Carson and Trixie his magic rabbit. Santa Claus is also expected to visit this event. There will be a small gift for every girl and boy present.



This party is open to mentors and youth in the program. Volunteers are asked to bring a dessert to share. Everything else will be



provided. Reservations and regrets are required by December 1st.

Community Service Program

During this season of giving, ROY is encouraging our mentors and mentees to participate in a community service program at Twilight Gardens Nursing Home. This will take place on December 16th, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Mentor Tammy Harbaugh will be leading this program filled with caroling, a skit and refreshments for the residents. We encourage children to start planning a poem or

song of their own to perform! The interaction between the residents and our mentees is priceless. Please make reservations by December 11th

Christmas Giving Tree

A Christmas Giving Tree will once again grace the halls of the Huron County Courthouse beginning on November 15th. The public, clubs, businesses, etc. can select a tag from the tree during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and purchase a gift for a Huron County child. All gifts must be returned to the ROY office no later than Wednesday, December 13th, in order to allow ample time for distribution.



Parents, custodians and volunteers of ROY and CASA children should contact the office to refer children in need by Monday, November 13th. Only children (up to age 16) involved in ROY and CASA are eligible for this Giving Tree. Parents and custodians are required to pick up the gifts on Friday, December 15th, any time between

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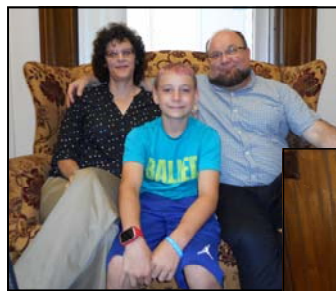
- Norwalk Area United Fund
- United Fund Of Willard, Inc.
- Henry & Marty Timman
- St. Paul Catholic Church

Donations In Kind

- Bonnie Anderson (school supplies)
- Oriental Trading (Gift Card)
- Cleveland Indians (25 Tickets)

WELCOME NEW MATCH-UPS!

Ken & Casandra and Mason



Rhonda and Serenity



Mascie and Kaitlyn



HELPFUL HINTS.... On Homework

Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)

Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Adults can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.

Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html>



- Dec. 9th:** *Christmas Party
Norwalk VFW, begins at noon*
- Dec. 15th:** *Giving Tree Distribution
Juvenile Court Services (ROY office)
9:00 a.m. to noon*
- Dec. 16th:** *Community Service Program
Twilight Gardens Nursing Home
196 W. Main St., Norwalk
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

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