



YOUTHLINK

SOUTHERN INDIANA

Dear Friends,

Spring Break has come and gone; the end of another school year is just around the corner. Every student is dreaming of summertime and enjoying sleeping in. Then again, we are all looking forward to summer!

As we step into the vibrant spring season, I'm filled with gratitude for your unwavering support of Youth Link Southern Indiana. Your dedication to our cause continues to drive positive change in the lives of young people throughout our community.

Over the past months, we've seen remarkable growth and impact in our programs and initiatives. Each effort is a testament to the power of community and collaboration.

As we look ahead, I'm excited about the opportunities on the horizon. Together, we will continue to empower and inspire the next generation, fostering a brighter future for all.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Warm regards,

Jerry



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Youth Link Southern Indiana received a \$50,000 grant! This grant will support Parkwood Elementary School for the 2024-2025 academic year. Thank you CenterPoint Energy Foundation for supporting our youth!

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Trivia Night 2024: A Memorable Evening of Fun and Excitement!

We are thrilled to share the joyous moments and fond memories from our recent event, Trivia Night 2024! It was an evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a whole lot of brainpower.

On March 1, people came together at Mansion 1886 for an unforgettable night of friendly competition and entertainment. Teams from all walks of life joined us, each bringing their unique blend of knowledge and enthusiasm. Whether seasoned trivia aficionados or first-time participants, everyone brought their A-game!

Throughout the evening, the atmosphere buzzed with energy as teams tackled a variety of challenging questions spanning topics from pop culture to history, science, and everything in between. The music trivia was a big hit with people singing and dancing in the aisles! From those "aha!" moments to the collective groans of puzzlement, every question brought us closer together as a community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended, contributed, and supported Trivia Night 2024. Your participation not only made the event a success but also directly impacts our ongoing efforts to empower and support the youth of Southern Indiana.

A special shoutout to our dedicated volunteers whose hard work and dedication behind the scenes made this event possible. Your commitment to our cause is truly commendable, and we are incredibly grateful for your unwavering support.

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Spring Break Adventure 2024

As the flowers bloomed and the temperatures rose, Youth Link Southern Indiana embarked on an unforgettable journey with students during Spring Break! From March 18 through March 29, the kiddos came together for a week filled with excitement, laughter, and meaningful experiences. Not only did they have fun and played all kinds of fun games, but they did fun projects while learning! Some of the activities included:

- Craft projects that included creating gnomes, doing bubble art projects, and creating dioramas.
- Silly Safari visited the kids where they learned about cool animals (is that a big snake?)
- They even dissected frogs!

These sessions not only sparked imagination but also fostered self-expression and confidence. Most importantly, Spring Break with Youth Link Southern Indiana was a time for building connections and forging lifelong friendships. Through shared experiences and meaningful conversations, these students formed bonds that will last a lifetime. Whether it was laughter-filled moments or working together on a project, the sense of camaraderie and support was palpable throughout the week.

As we reflect on the incredible adventures of Spring Break, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who made it possible. From our dedicated staff to the generous support of our community partners, each contribution played a vital role in creating a memorable and enriching experience for our youth.



Enriching Bodies and Minds: Health and Learning

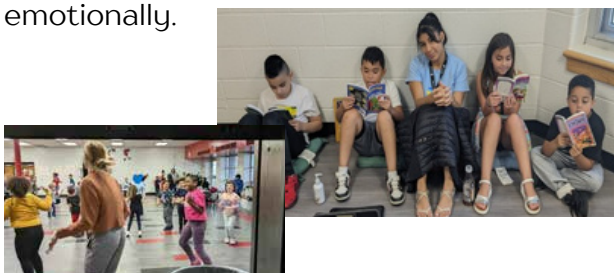


In the heart of Clarksville, Indiana, the Louisville Athletic Club (LAC) has extended its reach beyond the confines of its fitness center, venturing into local elementary schools with a mission to promote health and well-being among the youngest members of the community. Through a series of dynamic fitness classes, LAC is igniting a passion for movement and exercise in the hearts of children attending the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

The Jeffersonville Library is bringing the magic of storytelling and interactive activities directly to the children. The library is set to continue throughout the semester, to not only nurture a love for reading but also foster creativity and imagination in young minds.

Exciting developments are on the horizon as well. Purdue Extension is gearing up to make an impactful entrance, with plans to educate children at select sites about the essentials of fitness and nutrition. Through engaging workshops and informative sessions, Purdue Extension aims to equip youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices and lead active lifestyles.

By integrating fitness, literacy, and nutritional education, the community is laying the foundation for a brighter, healthier future. From the energetic buzz of LAC Fitness classes to the quiet contemplation of library story times, children are being provided with opportunities to grow physically, intellectually, and emotionally.



Checking out IUS



There's that time in a parent's life that you blink and suddenly, your child is starting to think about college. How did that happen so quickly?

Students from our 21st Century Community Learning Center at Jeffersonville High School took a field trip to visit the Indiana University Southeast Campus.

They got a taste of college life at IUS and learned more about what IUS offers to students.

These students have been busy all year learning and having fun! They are really looking forward to the fun time coming up when they go to Strike and Spare!

All that's missing is you.

We have students who need a champion. We have the programs that can lift them up and over barriers. We have wildly dedicated staff and volunteers to help. All we need now is you.

Your contribution helps a student become a better reader, become mentally healthier, become a better student, ready to learn and grow to their full potential. Scan the code today to make a donation and make a difference.

