



# YOUTHLINK

## SOUTHERN INDIANA

Dear Friends,

Did you know that many youth in our schools are in need of therapy and counseling services by a licensed professional? Unfortunately, this is a need that our school systems are trying to fulfill and one that is growing each year. This need has become even more evident during the recent pandemic. Students today are faced with many serious mental and emotional issues including anxiety disorder, depression, trauma, anger management, and others.

The Youth Link Southern Indiana school-based therapy program assists the community in addressing this need. Through our contract with Centerstone, therapists during the school day provide support to students struggling with emotional and mental challenges.

Your support provides the resources students need to reach their full potential. Whether they are needing the school-based therapy program, in-school support from our Resource Coordinators, or participate in our 321 Read program, you are making a difference to a young student.

I am always looking for ways to share everything about Youth Link Southern Indiana. If you have a group or know a group, reach out and let me know. Perhaps it's your ladies or men's group at church, your workplace, an organization you belong to, or maybe your bunco group.

I appreciate your continued support of Youth Link Southern Indiana and look forward to working with you to give every student, every chance, every day.



Warmest regards,

*Jerry*

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### Bare Necessities

70

food baskets were provided to families through a partnership with St. Augustine's Church.



40

new coats were given to our students.



\$3,000

in gift cards were given to support families in need



# YOUTH LINK SOUTHERN INDIANA TRIVIA NIGHT

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST 5:30-9:30PM



### EVENT DETAILS:

- Doors open at 5:30pm
- Game starts at 7:00pm
- At Mansion 1886 in New Albany
- Cost: \$240 per table (up to 8 players)
- Tables may bring their own food and table decorations.
- Cash bar will be available.

### DO I NEED A RESERVATION?

Yes. Reserve your team's table with full payment of \$240 and your registration form. We will not hold a table unless full payment is included with the registration form.

### WHO GETS THE PROCEEDS?

All proceeds will go to Youth Link Southern Indiana to provide academic support, mental health services, and basic needs resources.

### HOW WILL TEAM ANSWERS BE SCORED?

Every correct answer yields one point. The team with the highest score wins the round. Tie-breaking questions will be offered in the event of a tie. There will be prizes for each round of winners.

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**Venue Sponsor:**





## Community Partners

Thank you to the **Gheens Foundation** for the \$25,000 grant to support our school-based therapy program.

Thank you to the **Brave Heart Foundation** for awarding a \$3,000 grant to provide in-school support for our Resource Coordinators, 321 Read Program and Bare Necessities program.

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## After School Programs



Students developed their creativity and self-expression skills through painting.



Terry Greenwell with Dragon Spirit Martial Arts and Fitness instructed a series of karate classes for our students to encourage physical fitness, discipline, and focus.



Mr. Science with Hooked on Science visited our students to inspire them to be inquisitive about the world helping them develop a long-term interest in science and math.



Silly Safaris visited our schools to help create positive human animal interactions. Our students joined each animal for a game that taught them about the natural world.

