

NEWSLETTER

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU EMPOWERMENT FOR COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2026

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL SUPPORTS 800 STUDENTS AT THE START OF 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Tools for School Program is proud to share that 540 youth in Huntington County and 260 in Whitley County have already received school supply assistance for the 2026-2027 school year.



As a year-round program, Tools for School remains available to support youth and families whenever a need arises. Donations are also accepted throughout the year and help ensure local students have the supplies they need to succeed. We are grateful to our community for its continued support and generosity!



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The mission of the
Youth Services Bureau - Empowerment for Community
*is to empower youth and families through transformative
programs that build confidence, resilience, and opportunity
for today and generations to come.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Youth Services Bureau - Empowerment for Community Launches Youth Advisory Committee

The Youth Services Bureau – Empowerment for Community (YSB) is excited to announce the creation of its new Youth Advisory Committee, allowing local students to share their voices, develop leadership skills, and help make a difference in their communities.

YSB is seeking 10–12 students from Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley counties who are entering 7th through 12th grade. Homeschool and online students are encouraged to apply.

Committee members will share their perspectives, offer recommendations on youth-related issues, and help inform others about YSB's programs, services, and initiatives. The committee will meet monthly, with a virtual attendance option available. Students interested will complete an application and participate in a scheduled interview.

The Youth Advisory Committee reflects YSB's mission to empower youth and families through transformative programs that build confidence, resilience, and opportunity for today and generations to come. By giving students a seat at the table, YSB hopes to strengthen its programs while encouraging youth leadership and community involvement.

Students interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Committee are encouraged to apply. For more information or to request an application, contact:

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CASA OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY

To make an order give us a call at (260) 356-9681
or leave a comment below!

All orders must be received by November 2, 2026.
Orders must be picked up/delivered between November 16 and December 14, 2026. Order changes and cancellations must be submitted by email no later than November 13, 2026. No changes or cancellations will be accepted after this date. Colors and quantities are limited. If a specific color or variety becomes unavailable, a comparable substitution may be offered when possible. To order, please call the office at (260) 356-9681 or email adm@ysbempowerment.org



Red



White



Marble



Pink



Glitter

YSB Poinsettia Fundraiser

4" POINSETTIA \$3.30 per plant \$66.00 per case (20 plants per case)		
_____ 4" Red	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 4" White	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 4" Marble	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 4" Pink	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 4" Glitter	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

6.5" POINSETTIA \$6.00 per plant \$36.00 per case (6 plants per case)		
_____ 6.5" Red	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 6.5" White	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 6.5" Pink	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 6.5" Marble	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 6.5" Ice Crystal	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 6.5" Glitter	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

8" POINSETTIA \$12 per plant \$48.00 per case (4 plants per case)		
_____ 8" Red	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 8" White	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 8" Pink	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 8" Marble	circle one: CASES	PLANTS
_____ 8" Glitter	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

10" POINSETTIA \$17.00 per plant \$34.00 per case (2 plants per case)		
_____ 10" Red	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

10" STRAIGHT UP POINSETTIA \$20.00 per plant \$40.00 per case (2 plants per case)		
_____ Red & White	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

POINSETTIA FOLIAGE PLANTER \$20.00 per plant \$40.00 per case (2 plants per case)		
_____ Asst. Colors	circle one: CASES	PLANTS

CASA & Coffee



**Tuesday, Nov 17th
8 am - 9 am**

**LOCATION COMING
SOON!**

**Stop by and learn about
CASA of Huntington
County!**



CASA OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY



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SHINE

SUPPORTING *her* IDENTITY
next-level empowerment

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR MOMS AND THEIR
DAUGHTERS AGES 12 TO 14

Empower. Connect. Grow. Together.



4 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

MOMS AND GIRLS
WILL PARTICIPATE IN
SEPARATE SESSIONS
DESIGNED JUST
FOR YOU!



BUILDING
CONFIDENCE



HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS



DREAM BIG
& SET GOALS



SELF-CARE
& WELLNESS



T-SHIRTS



GOODIES



SNACKS



FREE
GIVEAWAYS!



LIMITED SPACE – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

CAPACITY: 100 GIRLS & 100 MOMS



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25**

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

DOORS OPEN &
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
AT 1:00 PM



**INDIAN SPRINGS
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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Columbia City, IN 46725
Use Athletic Door Entrance

SCAN TO REGISTER!



Scan here
to reserve
your spot!

Come be encouraged, inspired and empowered to **SHINE** together!

STYLE SHOW LUNCHEON

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS!

Contact Michelle at
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11.14.2026

NEW LOCATION!

Huntington First Church
of the Nazarene

Register Here!



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Teen Court



WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

Teen Court is a powerful youth-led program that allows first-time juvenile offenders to be held accountable by their peers rather than going through the traditional court system. Youth volunteers take on real courtroom roles such as jurors and attorneys while adult mentors guide the process. This program not only promotes responsibility and restorative justice, but also equips teens with leadership skills, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the legal system. We are currently seeking dedicated teen volunteers who want to make a positive impact in their community while gaining valuable experience. If you're ready to learn, lead, and serve, sign up today and be part of a program that truly changes lives, starting with your own.



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**For Youth....
Someplace To Go.
Someone To Help.**

Meet Angela Stratton

Angela is the Safe Place Coordinator for Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley Counties, providing 24/7 crisis support for youth. She teaches Lifeline suicide prevention to students and trains adults in QPR and C-SSRS, equipping communities to recognize and respond to warning signs. Angela serves on local and state prevention task forces and committees focused on suicide, child abuse, and well-being. Each September, she leads the Walk for Hope, raising awareness and support for youth, veterans, and seniors.



Our Vision

Safe Place envisions a community where youth never feel alone, vulnerable, or without guidance, and where caring adults and organizations are ready and trained to respond quickly to help them.

Our Impact:

Safe Place has provided safety, support, and hope to hundreds of thousands of youth in crisis nationwide. By connecting young people with caring adults and essential resources empowers them to overcome challenges and take positive steps toward a brighter future.



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"YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH
BOOKS
INTO THE HANDS
OF ENOUGH
CHILDREN"
Dolly

The United Way is a proud funder
of the Youth Services Bureau

INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING

Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
and get a **FREE BOOK** every month until their 5th birthday.

“ Our daughter **LOVES READING** and being read to,
and the **VARIETY** she receives from the
Imagination Library is a **SIGNIFICANT** part of this ”

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.



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Huntington County

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Happy
Summer

Updated Website

We're excited to share that the Youth Services Bureau website has a fresh new look! It's now more welcoming, informative, and easier to navigate. We invite you to explore the updates and learn more about the programs and resources we offer. We are consistently updating the website, so check it out from time to time!

Want to make a donation?



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