

# NEWSLETTER

## YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU EMPOWERMENT FOR COMMUNITY

MAY 2026



### **SPRING DINNER, A NIGHT FOR IMPACT AND EMPOWERMENT**

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Annual Spring Dinner, A Night for Impact and Empowerment. We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing to partner with community leaders and organizations throughout Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley Counties.

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.



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The Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County (YSB) hosted its first annual spring dinner, “A Night for Impact & Empowerment,” on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

During the event, Executive Director Michelle Crone shared an organizational update, highlighting the agency’s growing impact across the region.

“During our 2024–2025 fiscal year, YSB impacted the lives of 12,894 youth and families and empowered them for the future across Huntington, Wabash, and Whitley counties,” Crone said. “Currently, fiscal year to date, YSB has impacted 18,919 youth and families in the counties we serve.”

Crone also announced an important step forward for the organization. To better reflect the communities served by YSB, board members from Wabash and Whitley counties will be added to the organization’s Board of Directors.

“Our current name and mission statement served us well over the last 38 years and helped build a strong foundation for a successful nonprofit serving Huntington County and beyond,” Crone said. “Today, we begin a new chapter as Youth Services Bureau – Empowerment for Community. We wanted a name that is inclusive and reflects our goal to impact and empower youth while setting them up for success.”

Along with the new identity, the organization unveiled a renewed mission statement:

“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 more information about the Youth Services Bureau – Empowerment for Community, visit their website, follow them on Facebook, or contact their office at 260-356-9681.

# CASA & Coffee



**Wednesday, May 27th  
8 am - 9 am**

**Cafe of Hope  
900 E. State St  
Huntington, IN 46750**

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



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# Teen Court



## **WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEEN VOLUNTEERS!**

**Teen Court is a powerful youth-led program that gives first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders the opportunity 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.**

### **What is Safe Place?**

**Safe Place is a national youth outreach and prevention program for young people in need of immediate help and safety. Nearly 20,000 community and business locations nationwide display the Safe Place sign, making help readily available. Locations include libraries, YMCAs, fire stations, various businesses, and social service facilities.**

### **History**

**In 1990, Safe Place began as an outreach program in Huntington County, 2014 in Wabash County, and 2017 in Whitley County!**

### **How Safe Place works:**

**A young person enters a Safe Place location and asks for help. Staff contact the local Safe Place agency while the youth waits comfortably.**

**A Safe Place representative arrives, talks with the youth, provides resources, talks through a safety plan or simply listens.**



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**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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Happy Spring



# **STYLE SHOW LUNCHEON**

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**NEW LOCATION!  
Huntington First Church  
of the Nazarene**

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# 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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## Staff Members

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