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## TLP e-newsletter

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### Get Involved

#### **TLP Associates Recruitment Party**

**July 21, 6 p.m.**

Join the TLP Associates,  
TLP's junior board, to find  
out how to get involved with  
TLP

**6 p.m. June 21.**

#### **Graduation Party for Brandice**

**July 31, 5:30 p.m.**

Join the TLP community as  
we celebrate Brandice's  
graduation from Belfort  
House into the CaSSA  
program.

### Executive Director's Update

By *David L. Myers*



Summers and graduations go together, and Teen Living Programs is no exception. In June, four youth graduated--three from [Belfort House](#) into their own [CaSSA](#) apartments, and another from CaSSA into independence by assuming the lease on his apartment. (Scroll down for the full story.)

TLP's youth succeed because they are surrounded by and a part of a safe and empowering community. As a member of the TLP community, I want to thank you for your generous gifts of time and treasure.

5:30 p.m. July 31.

**TLP Community Meeting**  
**Aug. 21, 5:30 p.m.**

Join TLP for our monthly  
community-building meeting  
at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

**Chairman's Golf Outing**  
**Sept. 5, 1 p.m.**

Tee up to help TLP!  
Individual tickets are \$250  
and foursome passes  
\$1,000. Sponsorships are  
available. 1 p.m. Sept. 5 at  
**Ruffled Feathers Golf  
Club, Lemont.**

**Contact**

**Pilara Felgate**

**for more information about  
any of the events listed  
above.**

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## Youth News

### *Belfort House and CaSSA Graduations*



Through TLP's Stable Housing program, Belfort House residents Shantae (middle) and Autumn (far right) moved into their CaSSA apartments. Victor (back left) graduated from CaSSA into independence. Pictured with the graduates are Executive Director David L. Myers and Clinical Director Dr. Ozella Phillips.

On June 4, TLP community members gathered to offer their congratulations to three new graduates. Shantae and Autumn both graduated from [Belfort House](#) into their own [CaSSA](#) apartments. Both chose to live in Rogers Park.

Victor graduated from the CaSSA program, and now holds the lease to his apartment! Victor's is a familiar name in TLP's ranks, as he's been in the program for five years and spoke at the Dream a Bigger Dream Gala in 2007. He started out in Belfort House in 2003, and then graduated into the CaSSA program in June of 2006. Victor now works at Caribou Coffee, and says his many years with TLP taught him a host of important life skills, like budgeting and managing his own finances.

Of moving from Belfort House, through the CaSSA program, and then achieving independence, Victor said, "It feels like an achievement. It feels like a *big* achievement."

This month, two more TLP graduates, Juan and Brandice, are moving from Belfort House into their CaSSA apartments.

Congratulations to Autumn, Brandice, Juan, Shantae, and Victor for taking your next step toward independence!

## Recent Events

### *Belfort House Residents Play Ball--Bulls Style!*

Four of TLP's [Belfort House](#) residents had the chance to "go pro" on June 21, when they played basketball with Chicago Bull Joakim Noah at the West Loop Athletic Club. The four teens who met Noah and play a quick scrimmage were Brandice, Duan, Laquiesha and LaTasha.

"At first, we were trying to keep score," Brandice said. "But then we were just having fun with it."

The day was extra special for Brandice because it was also her birthday. In fact, she says that the whole week was one of the most memorable of her life because in addition to turning 19 and meeting Noah, she also found out she was accepted into TLP's [CaSSA](#) program.

About meeting Noah, she said, "It was amazing. He was really down-to-earth."

So how did four lucky TLP youth wind up in this situation? Well, they haven't hit the NBA draft yet. Instead, it was TLP Associate Samir Mayekar who organized the event. As a consultants, Mayekar and his colleagues travel often, accruing plenty of hotel points. Mayekar and others pooled their points in an online auction to win the game with Noah. They generously extended the offer to TLP's youth.



"I took the youth to a Bulls game last winter with the TLP Associates," Mayekar said, "and so I knew they'd enjoy this."

He was right; they sure did.

Belfort House residents LaTasha and Brandice, along with others, spent a day shooting hoops with Joakim Noah, thanks to the generosity of a TLP associate who donated the prize after winning an online auction.

## Fore! Chairman's Golf Outing Sept. 5

Polish your irons, woods and drivers! On Friday, Sept. 5, join in the Chairman's Golf Outing at [Ruffled Feathers Golf Club](#) in Lemont. Play will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start.



Individual tickets are \$250, with foursomes available for \$1000. Prices include green fees and cart for 18 holes, plus lunch.

Sponsorships for this event are available, as well. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Nia Tavoularis, director of development and communications, at 312-568-5700, ext. 228, or [niat@teenliving.org](mailto:niat@teenliving.org).

At last year's Chairman's Golf Outing, TLP board of directors Chairman Gerald Pauling (left), TLP youth Duan (middle), and board of directors member Bruce Pedigo (right) joined the TLP community for a great day of golf that helped raise critical resource dollars.

## Volunteer with TLP Associates

If you've ever wondered how to volunteer with TLP, here's your chance to find out! The TLP Associates, TLP's junior board, will host an informational get-together on Monday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

The TLP Associates are a group of Chicago-area professionals who have come together to support and enhance Teen Living Programs by generating resources, assisting with public relations and volunteering with agency youth.

At the get-together, current associates will talk about their responsibilities and answer your questions in an informal setting. Its not too late to RSVP! Call [Pilara Felgate](#) at 312-568-5700, ext. 225.

## Recent Grants

As we begin our new fiscal year here at TLP, we happily report that fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) went out with a bang. TLP received several generous grants and gifts to help us continue to provide superior services for youth who are homeless. We gratefully acknowledge the following corporations and foundations:

**Delta Dental** donated 300 toothbrushes, 300 packs of dental floss, and 500 educational brochures to TLP's [Whole Health program](#).

**Northern Trust** gave \$7,500 to benefit TLP's [Stable Housing program](#).

**The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund** awarded TLP a \$25,000 grant to help support general operations. This ensures that TLP has funds to meet critical needs, such as monthly utility bills.

**Michael Reese Health Trust's** recent \$30,000 gift will ensure that TLP's growing [Whole Health program](#) continues to grow.

**The Irvin Stern Foundation** has given a \$10,000 grant to benefit Project Youth Works, a transitional jobs program that is a collaboration of TLP and La Casa Norte. The Foundation also gave a \$10,000 grant toward general operations.

**TJX Foundation** supported our [Stable Housing program](#) with a \$5,000 grant, helping to guarantee that TLP can continue to provide a wide range of services to youth in our housing programs.

## Donate Now

**Donations to Teen Living Programs are tax-deductible as charitable contributions and can be made with a check, by a transfer of stock, or online with a credit card.**

*Note: Online donations ARE eligible for Matching Gift Programs. Just mail TLP the paperwork, and we'll take it from there.*

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