



**warming house
youth center**
a place for teens

Warming House Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2007-2008 July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Warming House Youth Center Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Following is a list of Board Members, including office, if applicable.

Board meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings took place at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmette.

Chau Nguyen	President
Jenny Shukla	Treasurer
Jeff Hemesath	Director
Brooke Lieberman	Director
Barb Perce	Director
Debbie Van Heck	Director
Jan Ostrand	Director
Mark Murrill	Director

Advisors to the Board include:

Marc Bieler	Advisory Board
Sister Adrienne	Advisory Board
Piennette	

Warming House Youth Center Staff

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Cynthia Doucette
Executive Director

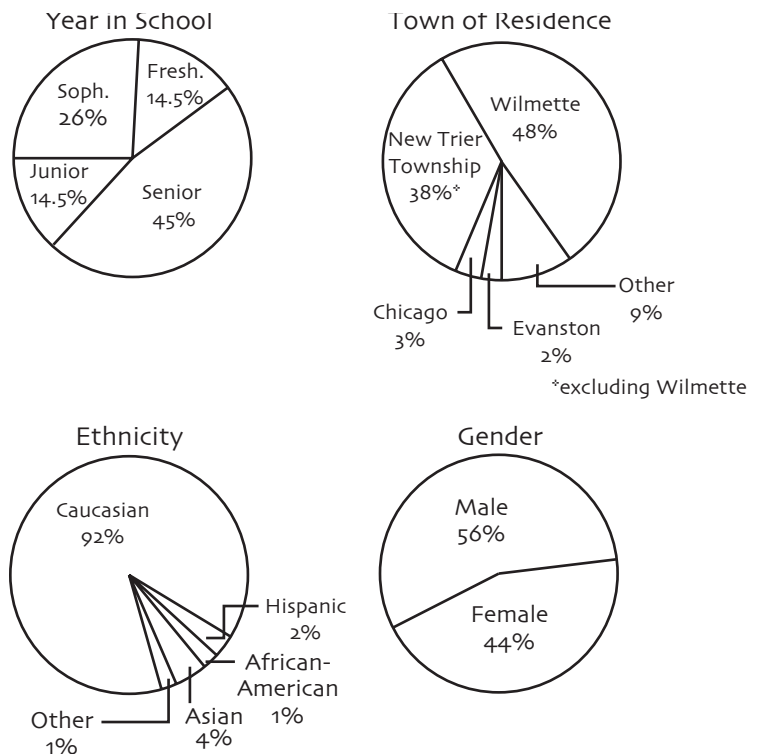
Grace Park
Senior Supervisor

Andrea Cannon	Youth Worker
Tashika Coleman	Youth Worker
Brian Drelicharz	Youth Worker
Tamar Mikaelian	Youth Worker
Sara Sutton	Youth Worker
Scott Tinkoff	Youth Worker
Elizabeth Zyer	Youth Worker

Warming House Youth Center Teen Statistics Fiscal Year 2007-2008

From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 a total of 890 individual teens visited the Warming House Youth Center for a total of 1,824 visits.

The following depicts a breakdown of the total teen visits:



Warming House Youth Center Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget

New Trier Township	\$41,500
Wilmette Youth Commission	\$5200
United Way	\$24,000
Individual Donations	\$2000
Other Income	\$500
Band Concerts	\$1000
Fundraising Benefits	\$8000
Fundraising Bowlathon	\$2000
Interest Income	\$50
Total:	\$96,250

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Warming House Youth Center

The Warming House Youth Center was established as "Gates House" by the Congregational Church of Wilmette, in 1971. Over the years, the center became an independent agency and experienced several name changes. In 2002, the agency retired the "Youth Resource Foundation" name and now operates solely as The

Warming House Youth Center.

The Warming House offers today's youth the opportunity to enjoy a safe, substance-free environment, where they can explore their values, test their independence, and develop leadership skills that enhance their overall development.

The Warming House Youth Center program provides both group and individual support counseling services, as well as programs focused on leadership, prevention, education, volunteerism, creative arts, and recreation. Through a variety of activities, self-esteem is enhanced, as teens develop new

skills, identify alternative solutions, and make better choices toward becoming responsible adults.

Programs and services are provided to North Shore youth free of charge. The Warming House is located in Howard Park in Wilmette, Illinois, and is open five days per week.

Warming House Youth Center Programs

Group and Individual Support Counseling

The Warming House provides informal group and individual support counseling services to teens. The staff offers teens the opportunity to learn how to develop personal character, improve behavioral skills, analyze situations, solve problems, build relationships, and identify new opportunities for growth and change.

Power Points

Power Points is the umbrella incentive program to encourage teen participation in programs. Teens are awarded points for their involvement, from Youth Leadership Board to mural painting, and discussion groups. The points are tracked and displayed in the Center for teens to follow. Each quarter, teens can exchange points for raffle tickets in a Center drawing. The Power Points program encourages and rewards the teens for all of their efforts and hard work.

Community Service

The Warming House serves as a site for teens referred from the Peer Jury Program in New Trier Township and local ordinance courts. In addition to helping teens complete their hours, staff members work to establish a connection with the teens, to encourage ongoing involvement at the Center.

Creative Arts Program

The Creative Arts Program continues to flourish in many new and exciting directions this year. Through projects such as mural painting and weekly open art nights, teens are able to develop new skills and leave their mark on the Center walls. Teens have also helped with Center renovation, making decisions about wall painting and redecorating the Center. Mask making, beading, and collaging are just a few of the activities in which teens take part.

Discussion Groups

Discussion groups are held at the Warming House Youth Center on an informal basis each month. These groups include Alcohol, Drug, and Health discussions. Staff members utilize movies, guest speakers, and educational materials to promote group dialogue concerning pertinent topics.

Volunteer Program

Teens are encouraged to give back to the surrounding community through group projects and activities. The volunteer program organizes activities such as a canned food and clothing drive, work at a local soup kitchen, and volunteering at the Wilmette Holiday Parade and Sidewalk Sale.

Academic Program

Weekly study nights are held at the Center to encourage teens to work on projects, write papers, and study for exams. Staff members encourage a minimum of one hour of quiet time on study nights so teens are

able to get work done.

Snacks are available to participants to provide them with brainpower! Staff members are always available to help teens on assignments. The Center also keeps SAT, ACT, and vocational guides accessible to teens that are interested.

Multicultural Program

Teens and staff members provide information on various cultures, countries, and communities through creative presentations, movies, books, and discussion. Teens and staff visit ethnic restaurants post-presentation to finish the evening off with tasty treats from other cultures!

Recreation Program

Teens also have the opportunity to kick back and relax at the Warming House. The Center offers a variety of fun, safe, and supervised programs on a consistent basis. Barbecues, sports tournaments, band concerts, movie nights, and field trips are among the most popular recreational activities.