



“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the Lord “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give You hope and a future” —JEREMIAH 29:11



Your Gift Matters!



Building
Brighter
Futures

Your gift matters at Warrenville Youth & Family Services.

Through your support, youth, individuals and families experience hope. Every program offered provides new opportunities for success. More neighbors in our community receive help in the time of crisis. Through you, the WYFS mission—to restore hope and provide opportunities for people to become all that God intends them to be—is fulfilled.





Your Gift Matters to Jenna, a parent

“WYFS has had a significant impact on our lives. Prior to connecting with WYFS and the Quest program, we had been having a rough year. I was being pulled in a million different directions as I tried to work with all the different people and organizations that were working with my son, Derek. It was a lot to manage and, since no one was connected, everyone had a different idea or strategy for me to try. When we learned about WYFS and Derek enrolled in the Quest program, everything changed. For the first time we had one organization that was working with the schools, supporting Derek and talking with me to be sure we were all using the same strategies that would be most successful. The year before last was so hard. I can’t even imagine what it would have been like if we didn’t connect to WYFS. Derek has grown so much. He has become more independent; he’s doing well in school and he’s able to manage his emotions better. WYFS has given us an army of support and it has made all the difference in our lives.”

Your Gift Matters to Derek, a current Quest and LINK mentoring participant

“The Quest program helped me do better in school. I also met a lot of new people and made new friends. My favorite part of Quest is Mr. Jacob (the Quest Coordinator). I also like my LINK mentor, Mr. Marty. Last spring when we had to do school at home, both Mr. Jacob and Mr. Marty helped me with my homework. That made learning at home a lot better for me. I really like knowing I can talk to them if I need anything.”

Your Gift Matters to Denny, a former Quest student

“Quest really helped me stay focused. The staff really cared about me and constantly reminded me that I could be successful and achieve my goals. They really gave me a lot of confidence. When I first when to Quest, I was struggling with math, but they got me through it. When I look back, I know my time there had a big impact on my life. Now, I’m studying to be a pilot, which has been my dream since I was really young. I’m not sure if I would’ve made it without Quest giving me the confidence to succeed and helping me with my academics.”

The Need Is Real

In DuPage County alone, over 5,000 youth from low income neighborhoods are vulnerable: underperforming in schools, unsure of the future and overwhelmed by family instability.

Fewer than 33% of adults and 50% of children have access to affordable counseling services.

The Outcome is Real

Thanks to your support, Warrenville Youth & Family Services provides a wholistic approach to help families beyond our successful youth development programs—with family stabilization services that include crisis management, mental health, and case management programs.

456 individuals were served last year.

70 youth, ages 10–17, benefited from participating in youth development programs.

Family Stabilization programs assisted **217 individuals** through WYFS’s Counseling Services and another **168** through Case Management.

48 volunteers provided 1004 hours working with youth; 28 volunteers worked at the Discoveries Resale Stores for a total of 2148 hours this past year.

WYFS During COVID

In the spring of 2020, during the first 90 days of Shelter in Place, WYFS case management provided services to 24 households (97 total people) and \$24,457 in financial assistance to those directly impacted by COVID-19. While students were e-learning, the Quest program served 27 middle-school aged youth through 188 individual contacts (to both students and their parents). The LINK mentoring program served 9 students through 154 individual contacts. Counseling Services continued to be offered to all clients as therapists were able to quickly transition to a telehealth platform.



WYFS partners with local churches to meet needs within the community. As an active member of Warrenville Persons in Ministry, WYFS manages the Local Emergency Assistance Fund which is funded by WPIM and charitable donations from community members. LEAF is used to provide financial assistance to those in crisis. In 2020 WYFS served x number of families through the LEAF program.