



"Enriching The Lives Of Children In Need"

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Youth Guidance's Annual Toy Drive

This year's Toy Drive was a tremendous success and allowed the opportunity for over 450 children to receive 3 toys this Holiday Season. Youth Guidance would like to thank every individual who donated toys, time, and funds to help make a difference in the lives of Youth Guidance children this holiday season!! Look for our detailed list of all the local Businesses who were Toy Drop off sites and/or sponsors for our Toy Drive, and our Santa's Helpers, too!

Mix, Match & Mingle Event

What?: Youth Guidance is kicking off the 17th Annual King of the Hill Tennis Tournament with a Mixer for the tennis players, sponsors of the tournament, YG Mentors and YOU!! Mingle with current YG mentors who can share about their mentoring experience and how FUN, FLEXIBLE and FULFILLING mentoring a child really is! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, 50/50 raffle, and beverages. **When:** Thursday, January 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm. **Where:** The Boulevard Village & Tennis Club, 1620 Boulevard Village Ln., Vero Beach. **Space is limited, and reservations are required to attend. For reservations, call Piper Vetromile at 226-3092.**

King of the Hill Tennis Tournament

If you "LOVE" Tennis AND Youth Guidance, then this is a great match for you!! The King of the Hill Tennis Tournament, (6 nights of exciting tennis by the local Pros), starts January 19th at The Boulevard Tennis Village & Club. Sponsorships for the tournament are available as well as ad space in the weekly tournament program! For details on becoming a sponsor or advertising please contact our Events Coordinator, Laurie Connelly at 633-1721.

Heli-Drop Ball Bash & BBQ

Don't miss your chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash prizes! Get your tickets NOW for YG's Heli-Drop Ball Bash & BBQ at Vero Beach Sports Village on **February 11, 2012!!** This fUNtastic event begins with a kickball game between County & City officials, followed by the dramatic dropping of 750 golf balls from a helicopter on the field, Bono's BBQ & live music from Crooked Creek! A Golf Ball/admission ticket for \$100 or \$150 for 2 equals your chance to win! Visit www.ircyouth.com or call 770-5040 to purchase tickets. Help us reach our goal of raising \$35,000! Be a 'Chopper Champ' by selling 10 Golf Ball tickets, and you will receive 2 free general admission tickets to attend the event!! Call 770-5040 for more details.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Important note regarding YG's Teen Chat Group:

We will be taking a short break to improve the overall Teen Chat Group program for the upcoming year. Pastor Joe Maldonado has invited YG Teens to check out 24.7. This is the youth group that meets Wednesday evenings, 7pm, at Lakeside Fellowship Church. We plan to resume the program in late February, but the exact date is TBD.

Every Tuesday & NOW THURSDAYS* -Karate Kids:

6-7:30 pm at Gifford Youth Activity Center, 4875 43rd Ave, Vero. YG volunteers and mentor/ mentee pairs are invited to join us for this great blend of Karate, Kung Fu, Qigong and Yoga. Suggested attire is long stretchy pants & T-shirt.

January 12- Mix, Match, & Mingle:

at The Boulevard Village & Tennis club, 5:30-7:30 pm. Space is limited, reservations are required, call Piper at 226-3092.

January 19 & 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23*-King of the Hill:

at The Boulevard Village & Tennis Club, 6pm. Come watch, sponsor, or volunteer at this annual fundraising event where local pros compete to see who wears the Tennis crown!

February 11*-Heli-Drop Ball Bash & BBQ:

at Vero Beach Sports Village, 4:30-10pm. Tickets are \$100, or \$150 for 2, and includes a chance to win up to \$10,000!! You can purchase tickets by calling 770-5040, or online at www.ircyouth.com. Also, Volunteers are needed!!

***Volunteers and/or Mentors needed at these events, call Piper Vetromile at 226-3092.**

Congratulations on new matches in December!

★ Elaine McSweeney & Ke'Ja R.

★ Trina Balch & Maurissa R.

We have more than 400 children still waiting for a mentor! Please give the gift of your time and learn more about the many ways you can become a mentor to a child in need. Call Piper Vetromile, Mentor Coordinator, at 226-3092 to find out when our next Mentor Orientation is scheduled.

The Youth Guidance office will be closed on the following dates:

January 2 & January 16th

The Youth Guidance Staff thanks you for your support and wishes you good Health and Happiness in the New Year!!

We're going GREEN! If you have email access, please provide your email address to pvetromile@ircgov.com or call 226-3092. You may view the full newsletter at www.ircyouth.com.

January 2011 Activities

Here are some free or inexpensive ideas for outings for unmatched children and their parent, or mentor/mentee pairs to do together. Please do not call the Youth Guidance office to sign up for these unless they are listed as a Youth Guidance Activity. They are activities you would do on your own. Please call the numbers listed for each activity to obtain or verify information.

Every Tuesday and Thursday YG's Karate Kids (and Adults, too!), at Gifford Youth Activity Center, 4875 43rd Ave, Vero, 6-7:30-pm, We are excited to offer a blend of Karate, Kung Fu, Qigong and Yoga to Youth Guidance kids, volunteers and mentor/mentee pairs. Wear long, stretchy pants, and a t-shirt. Please RSVP at 770-5040 as snack is provided. Free!

Every Saturday Farmer's Market Beachside, located at the corner of Ocean Drive & Dahlia Lane across from Humiston Park, 8am-noon. Fresh and locally grown produce, honey, citrus, seafood, plants, and even homemade guacamole!! Call Dave at 532-2455 for more information.

January 1 Happy New Year!!

January 6-8 "My Son Pinocchio", at Riverside Children's Theatre, 3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, at the Anne Morton Theatre, Jan. 6 at 7:30 pm, and Jan. 7-8 at 1:30 pm, Geppetto explores to discover what makes a perfect child. Tickets are only \$10-\$16 for adults, and admission for students is \$8-\$10. Call 231-6990 for more information.

January 7 Star Party, 1/2 mile south of the Sebastian Inlet bridge on eastside of A1A at the Day use area, 6:30 pm. Presented by the Indian River Astronomical Society, powerful telescopes provided, or bring your own, weather permitting. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet. Free!

January 7 Free Admission Day, at the Environmental Learning Center, 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach. Bring the family for a day of exploration and discovery! Call 589-5050 for more information. Free parking and admission!

January 8 & 29 Vero Beach Art Club Art in the Park, at Humiston Park, 3000 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach. Stroll the park and admire the creations of the local talented artists! For more information call 231-0303.

January 13 Jazz in the Garden, at McKee Botanical Garden, 350 US-1, Vero Beach. Call 794-0601 for information.

January 14 Sunset Saturday Night Free Concert Series, on Ocean Drive near Holiday Inn, 5:30-8:30 pm. Come out and enjoy an exciting night of music and fun! Youth Guidance is the featured charity of the night! For more information call 772-321-4145.

January 16 No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Line up will be on 37th St. and 19th Ave in Vero, just west of IRMC and one block east of U.S. 1. Starting line up will be at 6 am, and the parade will kick off at 10 am. Parade ends at Gifford Park. To enter a float, participate or for more information, call Larry Staley at 770-5312, or 360-8877.

January 19 & 26 King of the Hill Tennis Tournament, Annual fundraising event for Youth Guidance that exhibits local tennis pros competing for the title of 'King'. Event takes place at The Boulevard Village & Tennis Club, 1620 Boulevard Village Lane, Vero Beach. Senior and Open Division, matches begin at 6 pm. Admission is \$5 at the door (\$10 V.I.P.) or \$25 (or \$50 V.I.P.) for all 6 nights of the tournament! Call 770-5040 for more information.

January 19-22 Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, 21 South Cypress St., Fellsmere. Hop on over to enjoy the rides, games, food and fun, even the chance to kiss a frog!! Free parking, and admission! Call 571-0250 for information.

January 21 Screen on the Green, at Pointe West, 1999 Pointe West Drive, Vero Beach. Bring the blankets, chairs, pillows and snacks for free family movie night! "Rango" is the featured film of the evening, which begins at sundown (around 6 pm). For more information call 772-226-1729. Free!

January 21-22 11th Annual Sebastian Riverfront Fine Art & Music Festival, at Riverview Park, 600 US Hwy 1, Sebastian, 10am to 5pm. A juried event featuring 80-90 artists, live entertainment, food vendors, and more! Call 581-2626 for more information. Free!

MISSION STATEMENT: Youth Guidance is dedicated to enriching the lives of children in need in Indian River County through quality mentoring relationships and engagement in educational, cultural and recreational activities that promote positive development of youth in order to help them achieve their full potential.