

## Youth Village Resources of Dallas



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### Mission

**To meet the needs of young men of the Dallas County Youth Village and Medlock Residential Treatment Center by providing resources that will aid them in finding strength and determination to succeed and lead a productive life.**

### Overview

**Description** Youth Village Resources of Dallas is dedicated to helping juvenile offenders, ages 10 to 17 years old, reach their law-abiding potential and to diverting them from further involvement with the juvenile justice system or progression to greater offenses. We are committed to putting positive outcomes within their reach and bolstering the success of the work done by the Dallas County Youth Village and Medlock programs.

**Investment Opportunity** Youth Village Resources of Dallas is seeking an investment of \$500,000 to assist with the expansion of existing programs such as our Garden Program, Culinary Program, and PREP dog training program. In addition, the investment will help start our new Social Enterprise program, Café Momentum.

**Dallas Social Venture Partners (DSVP)** inducted Youth Village Resources of Dallas into the portfolio in 2008. DSVP is committed to seeing the mission of Youth Village strengthened and expanded. Our engagement strategy involves building their capacity in the areas of **Evaluation and Outcomes, Board Governance, Strategic Planning, and Human Resources**. Our team of Partners is lead by Lead Partners Scott Chase and David Miller.

#### Need for Change

- 9,500 youth go through the Dallas County Juvenile Department each year (43% Black, 42% Hispanic and 14% Caucasian).
- Over 3,500 youth are detained in Dallas County each year.
- In the Texas juvenile justice system over 50% of young offenders are repeat offenders for either felonies or misdemeanors.

#### Opportunity for Social Impact

We are changing the future for the young men we serve and for the community in which we live. The young men who complete our programs have a strong chance of never being homeless or incarcerated as an adult. We are helping them stay in school and continuing on their education path. We are helping some get their General Education Diploma and into job training programs at Community College or other training institutions. We are helping most discover for the first time how it feels to learn and to feel good about completing something. All of the young men we work with have employable skills when they return to the community!

### Program Focus

#### Programs and how they impact your clients:

- The young men get certified in Nutrition, Culinary Arts and receive a license in Food Handling through completing those programs, which allows them to compete for higher level jobs, as well as educates them on their own nutritional health.
- The dog-training program offers our young men the opportunity to develop anger management/impulse control skills, disciplining themselves to be consistent in their responses, reasonable in their expectations and trained toward creative problem-solving, rather than acting out their frustrations.

#### Affecting systemic change by:

- Those who complete our Computer program are proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Microsoft office suite and can do a PowerPoint presentation which helps in school and makes them more attractive in the workforce.
- Career Assessments give the young men a path for school and work that reflects their individual interests and skills.
- Those who complete our Dog-training program learn life and social skills and show a marked decrease of incidents of family violence, child abuse and elder abuse.
- Our Speaker series helps the young men understand that their lives are valuable and can be turned toward better destinations.



## Organizational Performance

Population Served	2010	2011
Career Program Enrollment	24	32
Computer Program Enrollment	45	100
Culinary Arts/Nutrition Program Enrollment	48	55
Dog Training Program	91-45 k9	96-48 k9
Food Handler Program	40	55
Horticulture Program	107	120
Financial Literacy Program	24	32

### Financial

- 77% of adult inmates released on parole serve between 6 and 10 years, each incurring a tax burden of well over \$100,000 during their incarceration.
- It costs over \$70 a day to incarcerate a youth in Dallas County, it costs less than \$20 a day to provide our programs for the young men while at the Youth Village and Medlock facilities.

### Proven Social Impact

- YVRD programs have reduced the recidivism rate for the young men who go through our programs by 6%.
- The young men who complete our programs do better in educational areas such as the TAKS scores.
- 73% of the young men who completed our programs have been employed one year after release as compared to 19% who did not complete our programs.
- The young men who complete our programs have an income 45% higher than those who do not complete our program.

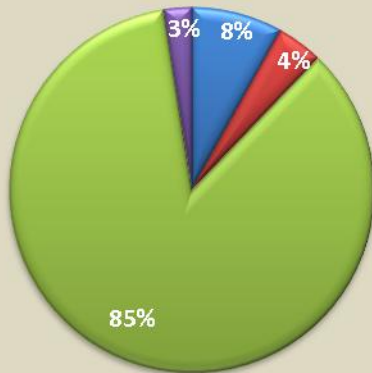
### Statistics

**Current Annual Budget: \$262,038**

Annual Budget projected 2012: \$520,000

#### Sources of Revenue

■ Individual   
 ■ Corporate   
 ■ Foundation   
 ■ In-Kind



### Funders and Collaborations

#### Funders:

- Communities Foundation of Texas
- Dallas Children's Charities
- Dallas Foundation
- Dallas Foundation's Pegasus Fund
- DSVP
- Fenner Family Charitable Foundation
- Harold Simmons Foundation
- Holloway Family Foundation
- King Foundation
- May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust
- Rees-Jones Foundation
- Stemmons Foundation
- T. Boone Pickens Foundation
- W.P. Bulah Luse Foundation

#### Collaborations:

- Dallas County Juvenile Department
- Dallas Master Gardeners
- Doors
- El Centro College
- Growing Power
- North Texas Food Bank
- Texas Education Authority
- Texas Workforce

### Ways to Invest

**DSVP Investment to date: \$114,000**

**Desired Co-Investment: \$75,500**

- \$80,000 assist with the expansion of our current Culinary Program to a full 3 credit hour El Centro College teaching program with a paid internship to follow in the YV Kitchen.
- \$70,000 provides PREP dog training program trainers and animal care for 1 year.
- \$10,000 provides 100 young men Serve Safe Food Handler classes and Dallas Food Handler Licenses.
- \$3,000 provides 25 young men the opportunity to take an 8-week computer program.
- In-Kind: volunteers to work in the gardens, tutors, mentors, gift donations, warm jackets

