NJAJ HOLIDAY PROJECT 2012 WITH THE CHILDREN OF YCS



Thank you for helping to put the smile on this little girl's face! For the past 7 years, members of NJAJ have helped to make holiday wishes come true for hundreds of YCS children. Over the next month, we will be engaging in our annual statewide effort to help Youth Consultation Service make this holiday season one that the children will always remember – giving the children the opportunity to experience the magic of the season first hand instead of watching from the sidelines.

Founded in 1918, Youth Consultation Service has become the premier non-profit social service and behavioral health agency in New Jersey. YCS runs nearly 70 programs, ranging from residential centers and group homes, special education schools, schools for children with autism, addiction counseling, family preservation services, homes for children with developmental disabilities, foster care services and community outreach, all to help over 1,600 of New Jersey's most vulnerable children each day.

Many of the children YCS serves have been affected by trauma and come to YCS to begin the long process of healing. These children struggle to come to terms with their wounds and reconnect with the core of their humanity, allowing them to feel valued and whole, giving them real hope for a viable future that they can truly achieve. If you would like more information about YCS, please visit their web site at <u>www.ycs.org</u>.

Please put on your elf hat and join us in an effort to make the holidays brighter for these children. Please indicate your choice below and fax the form to (201) 678-1486 or email Robin Peck (<u>rpeck@ycs.org</u>). Please make checks payable to "YCS Foundation" and send to 235 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

• Sponsor a Holiday Party, including food, DJ, decorations

There is no doubt that this is the hardest time of the year for our children - they see celebrations of the holidays everywhere they look, and yet they are alone. Your support will give them a special holiday party - a time to be with their YCS family and celebrate, feel special and most importantly - hopeful for the coming year. (Circle location of interest below)

Kilbarchan Residential Treatment Center (Paterson) S.T.A.R. residence (Jersey City) Swtelle Residences (Paterson) New Brunswick Group Home (New Brunswick) Sawtelle schools for children with autism (Camden/Montclair) Grace Hall Shelter (Newark) Cedar Brook Group Home (Sicklerville) Estell Manor Group Home (Estell Manor) Voorhees Group Home (Voorhees)

\$500

0	Purchase a gift card for a holiday gift for the children	
	(\$20-\$40 denominations)	

 Encourage the Artist Within Your support will help YCS provid \$300 / \$200 / \$100 (Please circle one)

\$250

Your support will help YCS provide our children with enrichment & scholarship programs in the arts, dance & music throughout the year. Funding for these types of programs is only possible with help from the private sector. Please help us to develop the artist within every YCS child.

 General Donation: _ 	/		\$
Name:		Firm Name:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: ()	Fax: ()	_Email:	

Our deadline for collection is Monday, December 17th to meet the needs of the children!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR YCS CHILDREN