



Mission

Established in 2005, Loudoun Youth, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to coordinate community resources to assist in the development of youth programs and to create leadership opportunities for young people. We support and develop programs that provide Loudoun teens positive out-of-school activities in safe, nurturing environments and help teens become confident and contributing members of the community. Since our inception, Loudoun Youth has raised and invested approximately \$540,000 for youth programs throughout Loudoun County. We believe there is no investment more critical to our future than our investment in our youth.

Contact Information

Christina Druther, Executive Director, 703-989-6781, cdruther@loudounyouth.org, www.loudounyouth.org

Snapshot of Our Programs

Loudoun Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

- A teen led council comprised of representatives from each of the high schools in Loudoun County including public, private and home-school students.
- Organized and led by Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS)
- A group of over 50 youth engaged in actively identifying and publicly speaking about the wants and needs of Loudoun's youth, planning youth events for teens including Youth Fest and the Battle of the Bands, and organizing community services activities.
- More information available at: www.loudounteens.org

Step Up Loudoun

- A competition for middle and high school students focused on identifying issues facing local teens and implementing solutions to address those issues.
- All Loudoun youth are invited to enter.
- Youth must submit their plans by January 7th and then they have until April 4th to implement their plans.
- April 4th will be a showcase where youth will present what they accomplished. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 implemented plans.
- Partners: PRCS, Advisory Commission on Youth (ACOY), Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) and YAC
- More information available at: www.stepuploudoun.org

Fifth Annual Youth Fest

- Last year's Grand Sponsors: Brambleton and Miller and Smith
- Approximately 2,500 people attended this year and we raised \$28,000 to host this free community event
- In 2010, this free community event included live music by 17 local youth bands selected at the Battle of the Bands, an event headliner – My Favorite Highway, interactive exhibits, and education on over 32 local non-profit and community agencies
- Partners: PRCS, Youth Advisory Council
- *Upcoming event: Saturday, June 25th from at Brambleton Town Center*

Battle of the Bands

- 4 Battle of the Bands Friday night competitions and 1 Finals event in 2009-2010
- Featuring over 30 live local teen bands auditioning to be a part of Youth Fest 2010
- Partners: PRCS, Youth Advisory Council
- Attendance grew throughout the year. Approximately 270 youth and parents attended the Finals.
- *2010-2011 Schedule: Dec. 10, Feb. 25, March 25, April 29 from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. at AVCOM/Visual Arts Studio located at 45965 Nokes Blvd., Suite 159, Sterling, VA*

Soccer Program

- The soccer program provides gang prevention through providing a free Friday/Saturday night soccer and education program hosted at the Dulles Sports Plex. Youth are provided food and introduced to positive role models who educate them about topics including drug/alcohol abuse, gangs, college and career goals.

- A five week summer soccer tournament served 69 youth on Saturday evenings.
- Sponsors: 100 Women Strong, a component fund of the Piedmont Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia
- Partners: Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, the Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT), and PRCS
- *Upcoming Schedule: Dec 11, Dec 18, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 12, Feb 19, Feb 26*

Leadership Loudoun Youth

- An experiential program designed to engage youth and develop their leadership skills helping them to become confident, knowledgeable and contributing members of the community.
- The week-long program introduces high school students to local history, local businesses, and local government and community agencies throughout the county.
- 18 youth participated the week of August 16-20, 2010
- Grand Sponsor: Virginia Commerce Bank. Other supporters: Jersey Mike's Subs, Keep Loudoun Beautiful, Old Navy, National Conference Center, Robeks, VeriSign
- Partner: Leadership Loudoun, In cooperation with: PRCS and Piedmont Community Foundation
- Next program planned for July 2011
- More information available at: www.leadershiploudounyouth.org

Youth Service Provider Brown Bag Lunches

- A lunch series designed to bring together youth-serving organizations and agencies to talk about what services each organization is providing to youth, and brainstorming ways that organizations can partner and collaborate.
- Raises awareness about available youth services, promotes collaboration, prevents duplication of services, and aims to identify and address potential gaps.
- *Hosted on: December 3, January 28, March 23, May 26, July 22, Sept 28, Dec 1*

Loudoun Youth Bus

- In March, a new Loudoun Youth bus was created.
- Providing discounted transportation to youth serving organizations
- Sponsor: HCA
- Partner: Virginia Regional Transit



Grants Program

- Applications were due on May 1st; 11 submitted for this year
- \$35,000 provided to 5 organizations including: For Children's Sake, Loudoun South Little League, Piedmont Arts Foundation, the Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Service Claude Moore Teen Nights, Loudoun Cares Claude Moore Community Builders

Sponsorships

- \$5,400 in sponsorships provided from Jan 1 – Dec 1, 2010
- Support provided to: Loudoun Symphony's Loudoun's Got Talent, YMCA, Virginia Regional Transit, Harper Park Middle School Odyssey of the Mind, Boy Scouts, Family Fest, Parks, Recreation and Community Service International Exchange Students, Project Horse

Spring Auction

- Hosted 1st Annual Spring Auction on March 12, 2010 raising approximately \$10,000 and hosting 150 guests

3rd Annual Golf Outing

- Hosted May 17, 2010 at Creighton Farms and raising over \$60,000 for youth programs

Rock the Runway

- A day of fashion, music and fun including six mini-fashion shows featuring over 50 local youth models, local vendors, and local musicians including two teen musicians
- Held on November 6, 2010; Raised over \$13,000; Approximately 350 people attended