

How to Help

Become a volunteer!

Each year the dedicated efforts of hundreds of volunteers are needed to make our program a success. Please consider sharing your time and talent in a way which will benefit our program participants. Become a tutor, art instructor, mentor, fundraiser, administrative assistant, or contact the center to find out how your special skills can help.

Make a tax-deductible donation.

Effect positive change by making a difference in the life of a child or young adult through a monetary gift to Asian Youth Services. The program is in constant need of funds for the most basic things: rent, phone service, food, CTA passes, tuition, school uniforms, etc. Every dollar donated will directly support the efforts of AYS to ensure that the young people who attend the program can learn to make healthy life choices. Your contribution will increase the chances for each participant to realize independence and success.

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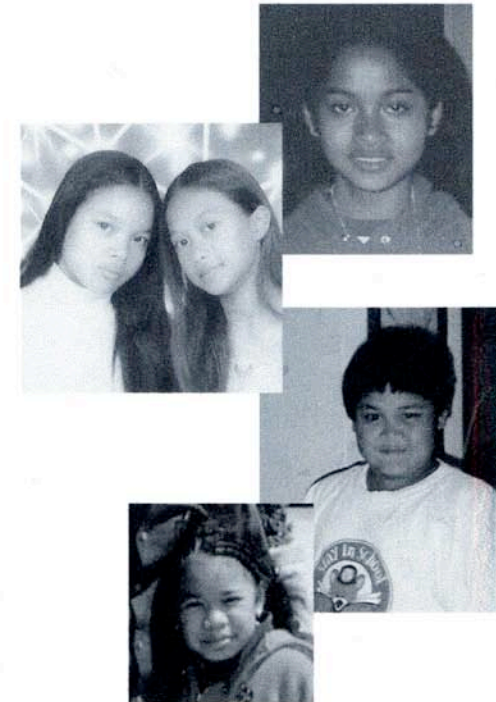
- I would like to volunteer!
- I want more information about how my business can support Asian Youth Services.
- I want to make a difference in the lives of the children and young people at Asian Youth Services by making a donation.



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Providing Chicago's Southeast
Asian youth with enrichment,
advancement and independence.

What is AYS?

Asian Youth Services is a drop-in center for Southeast Asian youth, which operates in Chicago's north side year-round. The center was established in 1992 by executive director, Shari Fenton, and continues to serve children and young people with the help of an army of volunteers.

Dozens of children spend time each day at the AYS center. Participants can do their homework with the help of a tutor or peer mentor, they might read from something in the AYS library, create art, work on the computer, play in the game room or just socialize. Most importantly, those who attend the program can eat a hot meal, sometimes the only one they may have that day, and feel safe and secure.

During the summer, a ten-week, full-day program is offered which includes paid internships for teenage participants who serve as counselors. Summer campers are served lunch, enjoy field trips, arts & crafts, and basic recreational activities.

Growth-enriching services are also available through AYS. Collaborative relationships with parents, teachers, counselors and other professionals are maintained by the executive director for each participant. The goal for AYS is that every child receive integrated and coordinated support and positive reinforcement so they might realize their ultimate potential. Advocacy in the juvenile justice system, community service commitments, life skills training and academic scholarships are invaluable supports provided by AYS. Some of the program participants attend the finest private schools in Chicago. Several students are currently enrolled in four-year University programs!



AYS participants concentrate on their arts & crafts

The Mission

The mission of Asian Youth Services is to maintain a safe and positive drop-in center with and for Southeast Asian youth that fosters academic success, sense of self and sense of community.

With the basic ground rule of mutual respect, the program has been able to thrive as a safe and supportive place for all participants. The organization counts as one of its greatest accomplishments, the sense of community and caring that the youth develop for one another, modeled every day by older participants who encourage their younger siblings and friends

Wish List

Monetary gifts towards rent, phone, supplies, food, field trips, tuition and uniforms, (checks made to specific needs are appreciated)

Tutors, school supplies, cleaning supplies, computer equipment, CTA transit cards.