

Dayton Youth Services Center
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- **Magnified Giving** – Seniors have started their Magnified Giving Project, and heard from the organization's founder, Roger Grein. They identified social issues in Dayton as Drugs (trafficking), College Support, Youth Entertainment, Pregnancy Centers and Awareness, Recycling, and Animal Control. On November 17th, students will research local non-profit agencies that support these issues.
- **College Expo** – On October 20th, interested juniors attended a College Expo at Newport High School.
- **Needs Assessments** – Parent and Student needs assessments were completed in October. Assessment results were provided to the DHS leadership team and will be used to write the YSC grant.
- **Youth Summit** – YSC took all freshman Drug Free Club members and officers to the Youth Summit on October 27th. Students decided to create short videos to share with the student body to encourage them to stay drug free.
- **I Drive Free** – Through partnership with Campbell Co. Drug Free Alliance, the YSC is promoting the I Drive Free campaign. Students getting their driver's license will receive information on driving distraction and substance free.
- **Get Fit Program** – On Oct. 3rd a guest presenter from the Brighton Center shared Laughing Yoga with students in the Get Fit Club and Youth Leadership Development Program. On November 9th a guest presenter from the Campbell Co. Cooperative Extension Center taught participants how to make a healthy snack and reviewed "My Plate."
- **Drug Free Club** – Drug Free Club membership has grown to 161 students! 44% of Dayton High School students are enrolled in the club. Freshman members recently attended the Youth Summit and Junior/Senior members will soon take a trip to Sports of All Sorts. Students have had 2 testing dates and the first round of membership cards have been distributed. Students are excited to continue to receive rewards and take pride in their decision to remain drug free.
- **Canned Food Drive** – High School students will participate in the canned food drive during the week of November 12th. All donations will be given to St. Bernard Food Pantry.
- **Thanksgiving Assistance** – YSC is working with FRC to refer students for Thanksgiving Assistance through St. Bernard Food Pantry. Approximately 130 Thanksgiving meals will be distributed on 11/18.

Ongoing Programs/Services

- **Food Pantry** – Students and their families continue to utilize the school based food pantry as needed. YSC had the first food pantry distribution of the year in the cafeteria on 10/26. 20 families were served on that date. The November distribution dates are November 14th and 28th. On November 28th, Free Store Food Bank will be providing us with fresh produce.
- **Counseling** – Both NorthKey Community Care and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health are available in the building 3 days a week each. They have been a valuable resource for our students and their families.
- **Student Assistance Team** – The SAT continues to meet monthly to discuss high risk students and coordinate interventions. SAT members, including YSC coordinator mentor several students, checking in with them on a weekly basis.
- **NKU student** – YSC coordinator is now supervising a Master's Level Social Work student from NKU.