

*Home is... "a place where I feel welcomed
...a place where I don't get kicked out of
and a place that is safe."
- ILLP teen*

Annual Report 2006

Huckleberry House





Crisis Program

*"After being at Huckleberry House,
me and my mom are back to talking regularly."*

Our dedicated crisis counselors worked with 615 youth and their families providing crisis intervention, while developing communication and understanding. This 24-hour crisis program empowers youth to make responsible decisions when faced with difficult situations.

*"TLP has allowed me to know where my
strengths are and what I need help with."*

Last year, 71 teens were provided a home by TLP. These young people learned how to live independently and responsibly. Of the teens accepted to the program, 37 were pregnant or teen parents. They all improved their life skills with 55% increasing their level of education. The 18 months of highly individualized training the youth receive more than prepares them for their transition to permanent housing.

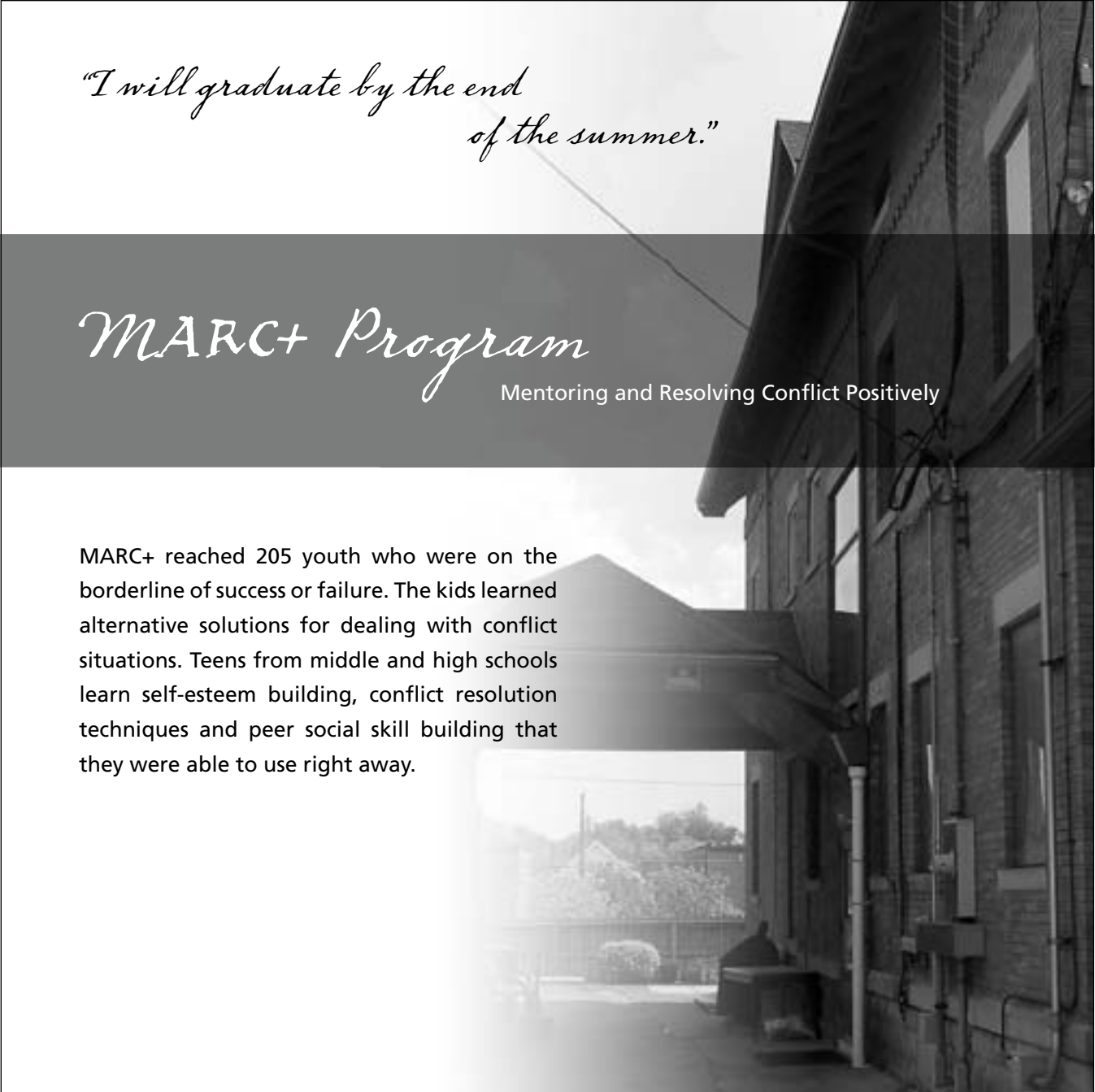


Transitional Living Program



Youth Outreach Program

Professional Outreach Specialists went to the streets to talk to over 6,110 kids last year. These are kids who are unaware of or reluctant to use existing helping resources. They went to their own neighborhoods, schools, recreation centers, and shopping malls – anywhere teens hang out. The main focus areas of YOP are decreasing youth violence, runaway and homeless youth, alcohol and drug prevention, teen pregnancy and sexual awareness.



*"I will graduate by the end
of the summer."*

MARC+ Program

Mentoring and Resolving Conflict Positively

MARC+ reached 205 youth who were on the borderline of success or failure. The kids learned alternative solutions for dealing with conflict situations. Teens from middle and high schools learn self-esteem building, conflict resolution techniques and peer social skill building that they were able to use right away.



Family Support Program

"My anger issues aren't like they used to be."

Huckleberry House counseled 87 families who worked to make their homes safe, healthy places for their children. We know that families need a range of options to address the many pressures they face. This year, 69 teens and their families received community support services.

| Revenue | | Expenses | |
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| Grants | \$1,755,392 | Crisis Program | \$773,898 |
| United Way | \$505,056 | Aftercare Program | \$356,457 |
| Medicaid | \$319,929 | HUCK Program | \$69,403 |
| Purchase of Services & Discretionary Funding | \$109,896 | Transitional Living Program | \$871,190 |
| Contributions | \$59,312 | Youth Outreach Program | \$382,805 |
| Other | \$9,194 | MARC+ | \$60,645 |
| | | Counseling | \$114,777 |
| | | Administration | \$270,652 |
| Total Revenue | \$2,758,769 | Total Expenses | \$2,899,827 |

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William R. McNamara Scholarship Fund
The William R. McNamara Scholarship Fund, established in 2000, continues to recognize the immense contributions Bill McNamara made to the community, the agency and the young people and families served by Huck House. The scholarship fund awards two new scholarships each year at the annual Turn Around Columbus Youth Awards & Recognition Banquet. So far, twelve Huckleberry House teens have received scholarships.



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