



JANA LANGHANS SCHOLARSHIP

SUMMER 2022

On May 25th, Youth Outreach staff had the honor of standing alongside Christa Langhans, Jana's mom, in presenting the Jana Langhans Memorial Scholarship to two deserving Red Wing Youth Outreach students.

ABOUT THE RECIPIENTS

The first student had worked hard in school this year while taking care of his sick father. Throughout all of his hardships this year, he was able to keep a huge smile on his face. He was so proud to graduate this year. He plans on starting his college career going to tech school to get his general education credits and then transferring to be a video game designer.

The second student is a young mom of two. She has faced many obstacles in her life and has worked to overcome them. She wants to go to college to help teens that have gone through so much, like herself, and be the adult that she needed the most when she was younger.



Volunteer

There are a number of volunteer opportunities at Red Wing Youth Outreach every year. If you're interested in personally making an impact on our community's youth, contact us at info@redwingyouthoutreach.org, or check the OUR PROGRAMS page of our website.

Resources

If you know a child or young adult in the Red Wing community who may be in need of professional assistance, please contact Red Wing Youth Outreach at **651-388-3371**.

YOUTH OUTREACH NEWS

Meet our new Middle School Mentoring and Tutoring Coordinator

My name is Aysha Parpucu. I'm from Cedar Falls, Iowa. I developed an interest in Nonprofit Organizations, Youth Work, and Social Work during my two Ameri-Corps service years; those years helped me to decide to study Social Work. I graduated with a degree in Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa. I am very excited to be part of the Red Wing Youth Outreach team and to continue my work in serving youth. I look forward to building the new Mentoring and Tutoring program at Twin Bluff Middle School. I believe the work done at Youth Outreach is significant for fostering developmental relationships by partnering with adults in the local community and creating an environment for youth to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. My experience so far has shown me that Youth Outreach encourages the success and growth of its employees. "I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that is dedicated to making a positive change in the lives of youth while helping me grow professionally and to get a deeper look into the inner-workings of a non-profit organization and community partnerships." One quote that I keep with me during my work with people is, "We must never lose the human aspect of what we are doing (PITW #50)."

Meet our new Parent Engagement Coordinator

Hello! I am Alejandra Sievers. I am the new Parent Engagement Coordinator for Red Wing Youth Outreach. I was born in Guatemala. I am a Red Wing local and I graduated from Tower View. As a kid, I was a part of the Red Wing Youth Outreach programming! Red Wing Youth Outreach has inspired me to be successful! My hope and goal is to inspire kids and parents the same way I was inspired while working for this wonderful organization. The Parent Engagement program is new to our agency, so we are planning a greet and meet with the parents! We want to get as many parents involved as possible to help find barriers and break them down for a better community. This will happen before school starts, and I cannot wait to get to know parents, so please be on the lookout on our Facebook page for updates! Upcoming for Parent Engagement is legal advice, parent rights, and community input for future ideas!



Aysha Parpucu, Twin Bluff Middle School Mentoring & Tutoring Coordinator



Alejandra Sievers, Parent Engagement Coordinator

If you would like more information about becoming a mentor or know a High School or Middle School student who could use more caring adults in their lives, please contact Jenna at jennacollins@redwingyouthoutreach.org

YOUTH OUTREACH NEWS

Meet our 21-22 Intern turned High School Mentoring Coordinator

This spring, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin with my BSW, and I plan to begin my MSW at Saint Mary's University this fall. I have two boys ages 7 and 1 who continue to keep me busy and always on my toes. I am enjoying the summer break and getting more time to spend with my boys. Over the school year, I spent my internship at Red Wing Youth Outreach in the Red Wing High School. I was a part of the Mentoring Program and helped to create and facilitate a curriculum based on social-emotional learning. I was able to help build relationships between mentees and mentors. We also provided a safe space within the high school where students could come for homework help, 1:1 time, or just to relax when they had some free time. It has been such a great opportunity to get to know the students and mentors and I look forward to continuing the summer with Youth Outreach as one of the High School Mentoring Coordinators



Alicia Whaley, Red Wing High School Mentoring Coordinator

Studies show that the number one predictor of success for a youth is having a caring adult that is not a family member in their life. YOU could be that adult for a local youth.

Mentors Needed

Red Wing Youth Outreach is looking for age 21+ adults who are interested in mentoring youth in grades 5-12. We work with youth who are learning to overcome the challenges life has thrown at them.

For Middle School, contact Aysha at 519-830-3565 or aysenurparpucu@redwingyouthoutreach.org

For High School, contact Jenna at 651-278-5839 or jennacollins@redwingyouthoutreach.org

Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program ended with a bang this school year. We had a pizza party for families at the Environmental Learning Center, and it was a great time. It's so nice to be able to spend quality time with families in our program and in our community. The woodfire pizza is always a huge hit, and Jason Jech makes the best pizzas!

This summer is filled with many activities! So far, we have gone to Valley Fair, Mall of America, and the Minnesota Zoo. We had an amazing mentor pair volunteer and spend the day together at the bike rodeo. We are glad that opportunities, like this, are available for people in our program to give back to our community.

Mentors Needed! For the 22-23 school year, we need 25 more mentors (we expect this # will grow when the school year starts again). Curriculum and training are provided by Youth Outreach staff. If you know anyone interested in being a mentor please reach out to jennacollins@redwingyouthoutreach.org.

Requirements to become a mentor are:

- You have to be 21 years old,
- Pass a background check,
- Be available 1 hour every other week for in-school mentoring OR 2 hours every week for out-of-school mentoring,
- Support the youth of this community.

YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATES



Independent Living Skills Program

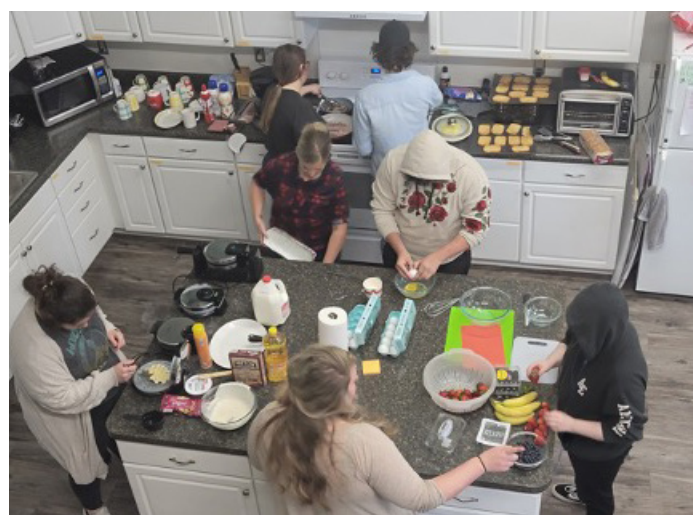
We completed our Independent Living Skills Class at Tower View at the end of May.

After six weeks of financial literacy training, our youth averaged a score of 96% on their post-test clearly indicating they are learning financial literacy skills! Then they participated in an additional six weeks that dove deeper into fiscal management. Their post-test for this portion was an average of 85%! This is a difficult class, and these youth definitely challenged themselves and kept going when things got hard!

To wrap up the year, we gathered to make a breakfast feast to enjoy before they graduated and started on their next adventure!

Youth Leadership Council

Our Youth Leadership Council (YLC) at Tower View ended with a banquet at the St. James to honor all of the hard work these youth have put into this group! This is the first group to go through this program, and they have set the standard high! These youth have led activities for the whole school, volunteered locally & statewide, and have helped Tower View become a better place for students & staff! Next school year, we will have some returning officers & we will take a few weeks into the school year to see what new students will be joining us! We are so excited for the next school year and the activities that are to come!



ILS graduation breakfast



YLC year-end banquet

In order to be able to continue to support the youth in Red Wing, we need your help. If you are able to make a financial donation at this time, we have several options available:

- **Venmo App:** @RedWingYouthOutreach
- **Mail your donation:** Use the enclosed envelope to mail a donation to our office.

- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are a Thrivent Financial member, designate Red Wing Youth Outreach as your preferred agency to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

We thank you for your continued support of our programs. Stay safe and healthy!

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Please use the included envelope to mail your donation.

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