



**YOUTH SERVICES FOR OKLAHOMA COUNTY, INC.**

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7th Annual *Reach Stars!* for the  
Twilight in Tuscany  
March 28, 2009



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**Youth Services Welcomes New Board Members**



**Kris Goforth** is a reservoir engineer supervisor with Devon Energy Corporation. Kris is excited to have the time and opportunity to contribute to helping Oklahoma youth reach their fullest potential now that her son is a college freshman.



**Joyce Henderson** returns to the YSOC Board after serving a prior term. She is a retired Oklahoma City Public Schools administrator, principal and teacher, as well as wife to William Gerald, mother of two sons, and grandmother.



**Betsy Mantor** is an active community volunteer, giving her time at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School and serving as Chair of Youth Services' *Reach for the Stars!* fundraiser this year. She and her husband Cameron have a son, who is a high school senior.



**Shauntae Moham** is a compensation administrator at Tinker Federal Credit Union. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Leadership OKC Loyal Class III, Shauntae is also active in her church and other community organizations.

**YSOC Mission:** Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. is a not-for-profit community organization that advocates, educates, intervenes and counsels youth and families to make a positive difference in their lives.

**Reach for the Stars!**

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Skirvin Hilton Hotel

One Park Avenue

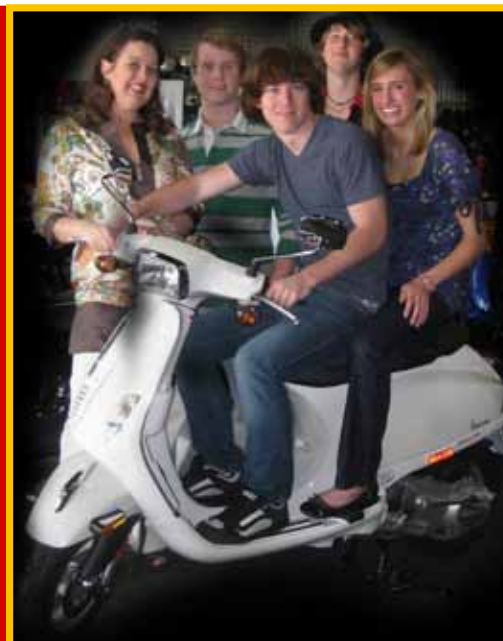
6:30 p.m. Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m. Seated Dinner and Live Auction  
(featuring Trip for 2 to Italy and a 2009 Vespa)

9:15 p.m. Dance to Banana Seat

RSVP on-line or by calling  
(405) 235-7537, ext. 208. by March 23.

See [www.ysoc.org](http://www.ysoc.org) for details.

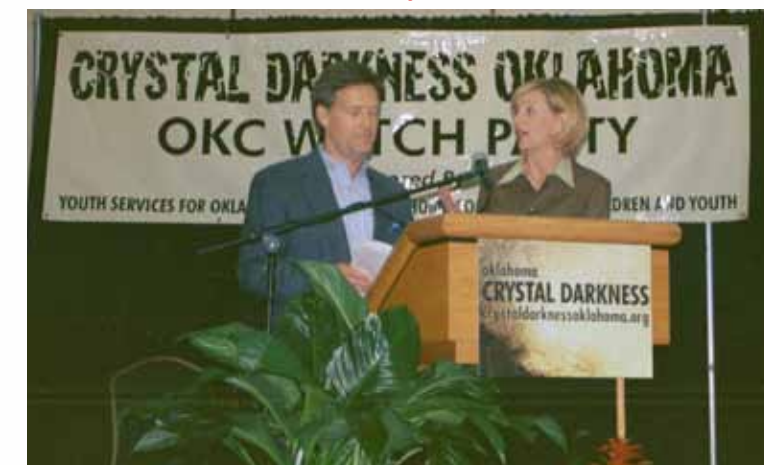


*Reach for the Stars!* Chair Betsy Mantor and YSOC Teen Service Board Members check out the 2009 Vespa to be auctioned!

**YSOC and OCCY Coordinate OK County Crystal Darkness Watch Party**

Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc., partnering with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, coordinated Oklahoma County's Crystal Darkness Watch Party attended by many of the State's elected officials including Governor Brad Henry, Lt. Governor Jari Askins, Attorney General Drew Edmondson, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett and Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater. The Cox Center audience of over 300 was filled with state and community leaders, state agency directors, law enforcement and Oklahoma county families.

Crystal Darkness was an unprecedented 30-minute video documentary broadcast on all network TV stations statewide and watched by over 2 million Oklahomans. Crystal Darkness detailed the dangers of Methamphetamine and how families and communities are affected. Heartline's 211 Call Center was set up on site to handle calls for help from across the state. For more information about Crystal Darkness, visit [www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.org](http://www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.org).



Taking the podium as Masters of Ceremony were Crystal Darkness Statewide Co-Chairs First Lady Kim Henry and Burbridge Foundation President Wes Lane.

# Family Fun Day

Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. (YSOC) hosted our first Family Fun Day September 26 on the grounds of the agency. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs donated by Schwab & Co. and Sara Lee Bread Company. They were cooked on the OGE Energy Corporation giant grill and served with bottled water donated by Sonic Corporation and soft drinks, cotton candy and popcorn handed out by YSOC staff and board members. Entertainment was provided by H.Y.P.E. (Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence) who are always an energetic and welcome addition to our activities.

Attendees tested their prowess on a rock-climbing tower and other games provided by the Oklahoma National Guard. Families also learned about safety on ambulance tours provided by EMSA and a fire engine from the Oklahoma City Fire Department. Guests could have their faces painted, play games, and receive goodies at booths hosted by Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Cedar Ridge Residential Treatment Center and Psychiatric Hospital, C.H.A.D.D. (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders), Integris Mental Health, Smart Start, Sunbeam Family Services, and United Way of Central Oklahoma.

**Family Fun Day really was FUN!**



Handfuls of Fun



Board Members Karen Delaney and Joe Van Bullard hand out cool drinks.



H.Y.P.E. (Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence) hammers it out!



H.Y.P.E. and the Family Fun Day Crowd

# United Way Day of Caring

As part of the United Way of Central Oklahoma Day of Caring in October Enterprise Rent-A-Car employees made a positive difference in the lives of **everyone** who comes to our main office building by designing and painting a very beautiful and colorful mural in our main hallway.

YSOC Staff were especially surprised and excited to see that the "diamond man" of our logo was incorporated into the tree in the mural.

**Thanks, Enterprise!**



Enterprise Rent-A-Car Employees Really Care!



Making a positive difference



YSOC President/CEO Debbie Forshee shows off the new agency mural to (L-R) Nichols Hills Municipal Judge Charles Lutz, Oklahoma County Juvenile Judge Stephen Alcorn, Oklahoma County Juvenile Judge Roger Stuart, and Oklahoma County Associate District Judge Richard Kirby. Pictured in back is YSOC Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Director Stacey Armitage.

# Supporting Kids in Independent Living (SKIL) Christmas



Community Outreach Coordinator Maureen Kelley loads the YSOC van with presents for SKIL teens.

The Supporting Kids in Independent Living (SKIL) Christmas Party was attended by 28 teens served by the program. All are living on their own without help from their parents while trying to reach high school graduation.

The YSOC Teen Service Board conducted a telethon and raised over \$6,000 from 122 donors to purchase Christmas gifts for their peers in the SKIL Program. First Christian Church hosted the party, which was attended by members of the SKIL Advisory Board and some agency staff members. Church members also provided goodie bags to the teens. Johnny Carino's provided a huge spread of pasta and salad for all the guests. United Way Emerging Leaders "played Santa" by providing 35 stuffed holiday stockings for SKIL clients. The PEO Ladies Group provided a Christmas tree which was won in a drawing among the SKIL teens and an ornament for each teen. Again this year, Tom and Kathy Brewer generously provided warm coats and Delta Theta Chi Oklahoma Epsilon Chapter gave \$5 bills to each teen.

The teens decorated stockings donated by Brenda Nixon, ate dinner, opened gifts and sang carols. They were able to choose an ornament to keep. As they walked away from the tree, one young man had tears rolling down his cheeks.



Teen Service Board Members wrap gifts for the SKIL Party.



SKIL Teens comments: "I just want to say thank you so very much. This will probably be the only thing I will receive this year. I just love seeing that people still care about children and teens and believe in giving gifts... Wow! This program is such a blessing to so many like me. I hope you know how much of a blessing and relief you are!... Thank you so much for the gifts. You have helped me because I didn't have the money to buy everything I need.... Thank you so much for all your help this year!!! This holiday is the best ever!... I'm so glad SKIL is in my life...."