



The YLI Leader

May 2010

YLI Service Projects Delivered

On Friday, April 23, YLI students delivered the small group service projects that they began in February.

Projects included: assisting the Salvation Army Food Pantry in stocking and distribution of grocery items; redesigning the art room for the Logan Center Boys & Girls Club;

brightening up the common area for the Iowa Homeless Youth Center's Buchanan House; and redesigning and organizing a recreation room for the First Christian Boys & Girls Club. Students were responsible for creating a budget and purchasing supplies, planning all aspects of the project, and actually completing the work. Each group will be creating a presentation based on their project that will showcase their results. The presentations will be given at the YLI Graduation Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 24.



Natalie and Kayosha in the Food Pantry

YLI Students Explore Law & Order

During the afternoon session of the April YLI class, students visited the Federal Courthouse to make up some Law & Order content that was cancelled in December. Nick Drees, a local prosecutor, presented an overview of the Bill of Rights and how it impacts youth in our community. The students also participated in a mock trial with Judge Celeste Bremer and had the opportunity to ask questions about the legal process.



YLI Class of 2009-2010 after completing their small group service projects

Graduation Scheduled for May 24



The YLI Graduation Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 24 at 6:00 pm. Graduation will be held at Junior Achievement, 6100 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Students will need to RSVP for themselves and for any guests that will be attending with them. Instructions will be provided on the graduation invitation.

YLI Orientation for Class of 2010-2011



Orientation for YLI students

The orientation for the YLI Class of 2010-2011 will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 27 at Junior Achievement, 6100 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. We will need alumni volunteers to help with this event - and that includes YLIers in this year's graduating class! Please email or call

Program Director Tim Rittgers if you are interested to get more information.

Upcoming YLI Events

Mark these dates on your calendar now!

May 14, 2010	Creative Problem Solving	7:30 am
May 17, 2010	Processing Session	5:30 pm
May 24, 2010	YLI Graduation	6:00 pm
May 27, 2010	Orientation for 2010-2011	7:00 pm

All classes begin and end at the United Way Building at 1111 9th St in Des Moines. Please contact Program Director at director@youthleadershipdm.org or by phone at 779-0362 with any questions or concerns. All classes and processing sessions are required; please have a parent or guardian notify the Program Director ASAP if you cannot attend a class.

In May we will spend part of our afternoon outside, so please dress accordingly for the weather.



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The next class is Friday, May 14: Creative Problem Solving

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