

Youth Outreach Services

Friends of Yates, Inc. believes that a community's youth is one of its most valuable resources.

We believe communities benefit by ensuring all of its young people are provided with the basic opportunities or services that can support them in developing a sense of ability, usefulness, and belonging.

We believe that building on the assets and potential of youth can help counter the challenges that may affect them such as youth homelessness, sexual exploitation and abuse, family conflicts, social skills, teen dating violence and alcohol/drug issues.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer to answer our 24 hour crisis hotline

Volunteer to assist our nursing home support group

Volunteer to assist with our U.S.D.A. commodity distribution

Donate furniture, household and/or personal items, clothing, food, etc.

Labor and/or supplies for minor repairs (carpentry, electrical, custodial, etc.)

Volunteer to assist with our Culinary Department

Volunteer in our Childcare Center

Volunteer office support (clerical, answer phones, computer work, childcare, etc.)

Monetary donations to help families start their lives over and to help with the renovation of our new facility

If you would like to send a monetary donation, please make check payable to :

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*Celebrating over
99 years of
continuous
service to the
community*

HISTORY

Yates was organized and became a branch of the YWCA, Kansas City Kansas in 1913.

The Branch served over 69 years. Yates Branch offered educational and recrea-



New Birth

tional programs for children, youth, adults, and senior citizens. These programs emphasized civic and social responsibility, religion, the arts, health, and family leisure activities.

In June 1982, The YWCA Board of Directors made a decision to close the branches in Kansas City Kansas. There was strong community concern that this grand old social service agency would die.

Prior to this event, Friends of Yates, a non-profit organization, had incorporated in 1979. This body was formed primarily to provide financial strength to the Yates Branch YWCA.

Upon the 1982 closing of the Yates Branch YWCA, Friends of Yates, Inc. assumed the role of sovereignty and became the governing and legal Board of Directors.

MISSION & GOALS



OUR MISSION

To continuously provide services and a sense of identity to children, youth, adults and senior adults that facilitate safe and productive lives.

OUR GOALS

- To serve as a constant community entity where sources of creative energy are reflected in the lives of people of all ages.
- To develop a sense of identity and purpose to fulfill the highest potential of children and youth.
- To develop skills of coping successfully with the ever changing transitions of adults.

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OUR SERVICES

- *Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center for Battered Women and their Children:*

Emergency D.V. Shelter

D.V. Transitional Housing

24 Hour Crisis Hotline

Job Coaching

Case Management

Child Care

Court Advocacy

Domestic Violence Education

Translation Services

Mental Health Services

Bridge SPAN Healthcare Program

Substance Abuse Intervention Program (S.A.P.I)

Keep a Clear Mind

Orientation Referral Assessment Serv. (OARS)

Community Education and Outreach

- *Youth Leadership Educational Programs*
- *Nursing Home Support Group*
- *Judge Meeks Jr. / Burks/ Attorney Jackson/ Robinson Library*
- *Crime Awareness Coordinating Effort (C.A.C.E)*
- *Black Men & Women of Distinction Program*
- *Project LIVE*