

Youth Pride, Inc.

Celebrate the Holidays with YPI!

It's that time of year again. Every year YPI throws a large holiday party for our young folks. The party will be Friday, Dec. 21 from 4-8 p.m. at 171 Chestnut St., Providence. It's a time for our YPI community to celebrate the season, take part in a Yankee swap, eat way too much and laugh together. We are always looking for caring community members to assist us with the food for this party. If you are interested in donating any items listed below, cooking, or both, please give Stump a call at 421-5626 Ext. 22 and let her know what you can do this year. We have a full kitchen at YPI so if cooking is not your strength, any food donated can be cooked. Thank you!

Needs for Holiday Party:

1 large turkey; 1 large ham; mashed potatoes; pies (apple, pumpkin, etc); vegetarian stuffing; salad; vegetables; dinner rolls; gravy (vegetarian and meat); juice and other beverages; whipped cream; ice cream; solid paper/plastic plates; and solid plastic utensils and cups.

Web Site Launch

Thanks to a generous grant from Equity Action, YPI will launch a brand new Web site in mid-December. We are grateful to all the fabulous folks at Embolden Design for revamping YPI's presence on the Web in order to reach out to more youth, families, service providers, and other community members. Check it out in mid-December at www.youthprideri.org and be sure to give us your feedback!

The Web site redevelopment is part of a larger project, "Becoming Visible," which also involves a late winter major public information Campaign on RIPTA buses in partnership with PFLAG South/Central Rhode Island. Keep your eyes open for these YPI/PFLAG buses... they'll be hitting the streets soon!

Holiday Wish List

YPI is gearing up for its annual holiday party on Dec. 21. We need your help with stocking stuffers for about 30 youth!

You can get involved by purchasing any of the following: warm mittens, gloves, socks, scarves; fleece or wool hats; movie passes; disposable cameras; gift cards to Starbucks, CVS, Brooks, Borders, Newbury Comics, etc.; chapstick or lip balm; bracelets or necklaces;

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DVDs; blank CDs with cases; personal hygiene items (deodorant, lotion, etc.). This is a simple way to help YPI in the holidays. Thanks in advance from YPI youth, staff and board! We could not do our work without the generous support from the community.

YPI Needs a Fairy God-Team

Calling all benevolent, energetic LGBTQQ social groups: YPI needs a team of committed people to help keep our food pantry stocked with items from the RI Community Food Bank. We'll place the orders and take care of the paperwork, if you'll provide the muscle and transportation. Pick up hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. or Fridays from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. We're seeking a softball, volleyball, or bowling team, a gardening club, a supportive workplace, or other fabulous group to adopt our Food Pantry for the next 6-12 months and make twice-monthly trips to the food bank. We provide food to 30-40 families a month. If you and your social group are interested in helping out, please call Marilyn at 421-5626 or email supportypi@gmail.com. Thanks!

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Youth Holiday Sponsors Needed

Every year many youth at YPI could use a helping hand around the holiday season; they are on their own, in group homes, or in state care. Others come from families who lack the resources to provide holiday gifts. YPI has been richly blessed in the past with a number of community sponsors who are willing to provide holiday gifts for a young person in need. We have seen an increase this year in the number of youth who have no other means of receiving holiday gifts than through a community sponsor. Therefore, YPI needs generous individuals or groups who would like to sponsor a young person during the upcoming season.

If you or your group of friends would like to sponsor a young person (\$200 maximum), please call Marilyn at 421-5626 or email supportypi@gmail.com. You will receive information about and a wish list from the young person you are sponsoring. It is so touching to see the look on the youth's faces when they realize that someone has given them a gift that they've longed for. Your gifts will be distributed at our Annual Holiday Party on December 21, which you are welcome to attend. We hope you'll join us to share in the holiday festivities and to see the joy on the face of your sponsored youngster. Thank you to all who are making a difference in the lives of our young people!