



## Avondale Youth Assistance

# ANNUAL YEAR IN REVIEW

July 1, 2018  
to  
June 30, 2019

### AFTER-SCHOOL ACADEMICS

**25 students** received after-school academic support in reading, writing & math at Deerfield Elementary.

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

Avondale School District in-kind donated totaled **\$33,152**. This includes office space, phones & internet, support for our webpage & event promotion. The City of Auburn Hills also donates meeting space for some of our events.



### STUDENT PROGRAMS

**1,376 students** benefited from programs promoting positive interaction with peers, life skills, emotion regulation, violence-free relationships, learning positive alternatives to risky behaviors & pumpkin painting.

### YOUTH RECOGNITION

**160 students** were rewarded for their community service & overcoming personal challenges.



### SHOP WITH A HERO

**9 children** shopped with "heroes" & received holiday family food baskets.



### CAMP

**19 children** attended area camps for overnight & day experiences enjoying sports, developing peer relationships & outdoor exploration.

### PUMPKIN PAINTING

**150 families** enjoyed this free event at the Auburn Hills Fire Department painting their own pumpkin and arts and crafts.

### SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

**22 children** received financial assistance to participate in skill building activities including sports, summer camp & school field trips.

### FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**163 adults**, including Avondale staff, attended programs providing useful information on parenting skills & coping with issues facing our youth.

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

Adults & students volunteered **805 hours** of their time to our programs.

### BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT



**31 children** were given backpacks filled with school supplies, enjoyed pizza & bowling to kick off the new school year.

### CASELOAD

Anna Torres, AYA caseworker, assisted **92 students**, ages 5-16, referred for prevention services, educational neglect, school incorrigibility, truancy, assault & battery, sexting & lewd & lascivious conduct cases.

## OUR YEAR AHEAD

With the continued support of our sponsors & volunteers we are able to further our mission of prevention of juvenile delinquency through community involvement to make a difference.

**A**vondale Youth Assistance (AYA) is a non-profit community service organization committed to strengthening youth and families and reducing the incidence of juvenile delinquency, child neglect and abuse through community involvement. This mission is accomplished through the longstanding relationship with the Avondale School District, local municipalities and the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division which provides a caseworker to offer counseling to children and their families in Avondale. A board of community volunteers supports this mission by providing programs for Avondale students that include Youth Recognition, honoring student volunteerism and personal achievements; Mentors Plus, matching youngsters with a caring adult; after-school and summer academic support programs and parent support programs. Camp and skill building scholarships are awarded to students experiencing financial difficulties. Drug test kits are available to parents free of charge in an effort to keep kids on the right track.

AYA operates with the sponsorship of the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, the Avondale School District, the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and Troy and the Township of Bloomfield with principal funding supplied through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and major funding from the other sponsors. This continuing financial support enables AYA to provide programs and services to the community.

Avondale Youth Assistance does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs, activities or services as required by Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.



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