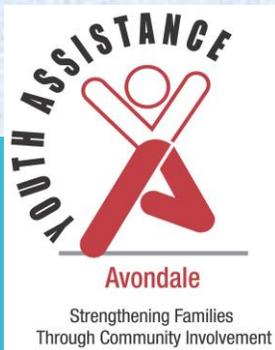




# Avondale Youth Assistance

*Annual Year in Review*

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020



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

# CASELOAD

- The AYA caseworker, provides confidential, short-term, family centered counseling and referral services to youths and their families.
- Students are referred for prevention services, educational neglect/truancy, home and school incorrigibility and criminal offenses.
- Referrals are received from parents, school staff, police departments, Department of Health and Human Services and the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division.
- The AYA caseworker ***assisted 50 students, ages 5-16***, that were referred for services this year.
- The AYA caseworker also services Avondale youth through a re-entry program. A team of court workers, therapeutic professionals and residential facility staff work along with the caseworker, youth and family to plan for a successful transition from a Children's Village program back into the community.

## SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES

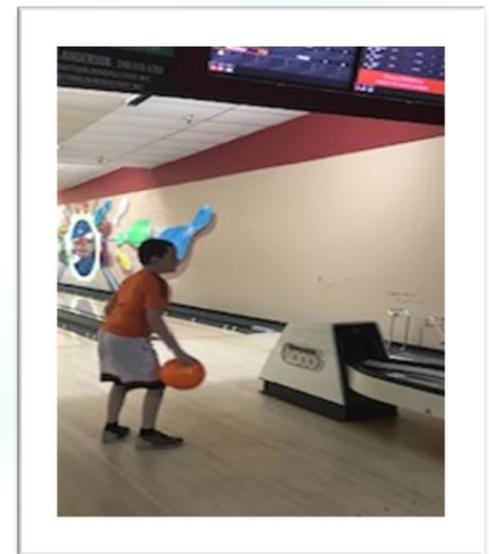


## ➤ PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT

**200** Families enjoyed free Halloween festivities at the annual Pumpkin Painting Event held at the City of Auburn Hills Fire Department. A special thanks to Farm Boy Produce for donating pumpkins, Auburn Hills Fire Department, our volunteers from the Avondale High School National Honors Society & local volunteers for making this event a success!!

## ➤ BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

**20** Families were invited to our Back to School Event. With the generosity of Meijer, each child that participated received a school outfit and backpack filled with school supplies & personal care items for the start of the school year. The children were also able to enjoy a bowling party that day courtesy of Classic Lanes Bowling, Rochester Hills.



## SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

**44 children** received financial assistance and were able to attend Skill Building Activities. The children developed skills, knowledge, peer relationships & enjoyed outdoor explorations.

- **Day and overnight Summer camp**
- **Sports activities like Basketball and Cheer**
- **Field trips**
- **After school enrichment**



**25 children** benefitted from after school academic support through **K.A.M.P. (Kids Academic Mentoring Program)** held at Deerfield Elementary, Rochester Hills.

# SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES (CONT.)



## ➤ SHOP WITH A HERO

**21 children** attended the annual Shop with a Hero Event. With the partnership & generosity of the Auburn Hills Police Department and Target, area children were given a happier holiday.

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## STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

**7 Students** received tributes & an award to honor their efforts in leadership, community service and personal achievement.



In the face of Covid-19  
**Avondale Youth Assistance donated \$5,000  
to Blessing in a Backpack**  
to further support the extra assistance  
to feed area families in need.

Avondale Youth Assistance also helped families  
who had additional personal needs during this time.



# OUR YEAR AHEAD

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

*We thank you for your continued support!*



## Avondale Youth Assistance operates with sponsorships from the following:

### IN-KIND DONATIONS

The **Avondale School District** provides at no cost:

- office & meeting space
- webpage
- phones & internet
- event promotion & event space

The **City of Auburn Hills** also donates meeting space for some of our events.

### COMMUNITY DONATIONS

- Meijer
- Target
- Farm Boy Produce

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

- Adults & students volunteered over **500 hours** of their time to our programs.

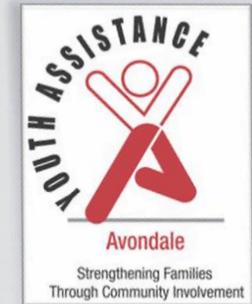
### FINANCIAL SPONSORS

- Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division
- Oakland County Board of Commissioners
- City of Auburn Hills
- Charter Township of Bloomfield
- City of Rochester Hills
- City of Troy

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