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**YDC Wins Red Wagon Award**

The St. Louis Park Youth Development Committee (YDC) is the proud recipient of a 2010 Red Wagon Award, presented by the Minnesota Alliance With Youth, in conjunction with the office of Lieutenant Governor Carol Molnau. The Minnesota Alliance With Youth is the leading convener, collaborator, and capacity-builder for youth development in Minnesota, and is an affiliate of America’s Promise Alliance.

Research shows – and experience proves – that academic achievement, civic engagement, and leadership development are all keys to a young person’s success – and that each impacts the others. Award recipients are nominated for their civic engagement and service, academic achievements, and exemplary leadership.

YDC members’ accomplishments include gaining expertise in sparks, and becoming national leaders in applying this body of research developed by Search Institute founder Dr. Peter Benson. Sparks are the hidden flames in kids that excite them and tap into their true passions. Listen to YDC members talk about their sparks in a video produced by Search Institute at www.search-institute.org.

### 2009-2010 Participant Information

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<td>Adult Enrichment</td>
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<td>SLP Creative Play Pre-K</td>
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<td>Kids’ Place (Pre-K &amp; School Age)</td>
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<td>Facilities Use (includes over 100 different community groups)</td>
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*Based on Turnstile Count: Data from 2009-2010 Minnesota Department of Education Report*

### Community Education Revenue Sources

- **State Taxes & Aid**: $1,567,920
- **Federal Taxes**: $21,512
- **Tuition Fees & Local Sources**: $4,048,823
- **Total Revenues**: $5,638,255

### Community Education Advisory Council

- Bobbi Betz
- Austin Bosley
- Amy Burns
- Leah Erickson
- Jeff Jacobs
- Sandy Johnson
- Bob Malooy
- Steve McCulloch
- Joan Monicatti
- Mike Mulligan
- Rolf Peterson
- Kristen Piper
- Nate Rosa
- Pam Rykken
- Sue Santa
- Mark Schwartz
- Dina Stender
- Joe Tatalovich
- Cindy Walsh
- Shirley Zimmerman
- Linda Saveraid, Director
- Mary Juberian, Manager
- Mary O’Brien, Manager
- *Linda Saveraid, retired 3/10
- Lisa Greens, Director, 9/10

### School Board

- Nancy Gores
- Rolf Peterson
- Bruce Richardson
- Pam Rykken
- Larry Shapiro
- Julie Sweltzer
- Jim Yanosh
- Debra Bowers, Ph. D., Supt.

### City Council

- Phillip Finkelstein
- Anne Mavity
- Paul Omordt
- Julia Ross
- Sue Songer
- Sue Santa
- Jeff Jacobs, Mayor
- Tom Harmening, City Manager

2009-10 Council and Board Members
PRE-K PROGRAMS
Preparing your child for success in school and life, beginning at birth.

All programs have highly qualified staff and use research-based curriculum. As part of the St. Louis Park Public Schools, SLP Pre-K provides families with important first connections to kindergarten and the community.

SLP CREATIVE PLAY PRE-K – Children ages 2½-5. In addition to participating in school-readiness activities, the 4-5 year olds attended the Kinderkonzert, at Orchestra Hall, where they played instruments in the Sound Factory.

SLP EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE) – Parents and children, ages birth-5, play and learn together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher.

SLP FAMILY LEARNING PRE-K – While parents enrolled in ABE learn English or work on their GED, preschool children learn in activities.

SLP FIRST STEPS PRE-K – Curriculum is coordinated with the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. For students ages 3-5.

SLP KIDS’ PLACE PRE-K – Provided a high quality preschool experience for 146 children ages six weeks - 6 years within a full-day child care setting.

SLP PALS PRE-K – Families with children ages 2½-5. Adds a preschool day to ECFE classes, while including the benefits of parent-child interaction, and parent discussion groups.

SLP PALS+ PRE-K – Children, ages 3-5, with and without disabilities learn to appreciate differences through a positive, nurturing, small-class environment.

SLP RSK PRE-K – Readied 68 four year olds for kindergarten who would not otherwise have attended preschool. Ages 3-5.

SLP Community Education also serves preschoolers with Aquatics, Gymnastics and Kid Dance classes, all held at Central Community Center.

SENIOR PROGRAM
Learn & Laugh at Lenox!
The Senior Program, housed at Lenox Community Center, operates in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park. In 2010, it launched Books Alive, a reader’s theater offered in collaboration with Maggie’s Farm Theater, with grant funds from the St. Louis Park Arts & Culture Grant Program, provided in partnership with the City of St. Louis Park, the St. Louis Park Community Foundation and the St. Louis Park Friends of the Arts.

SUCCESSFUL AGING INITIATIVE – The Senior Program played a leadership role in the development of the Successful Aging Initiative, sponsored by the Park Nicollet Foundation. As part of the overall effort, the Senior Program hosts one-on-one assistance for seniors to complete an Advanced Care Directive, coordinates Seniors Safe at Home, through which professionals visit homes and offer recommendations to decrease potential for falls, and partners with Parks & Recreation to engage seniors in fitness activities through Get Out and Get Active. See a video featuring Senior Program member Sue Larson’s participation in the Initiative at www.parknicollet.com/foundation.

ADULT PROGRAMS
Lifelong Learning Completes

ADULT ENRICHMENT – Serves adults of all ages with a wide range of learning opportunities, from new classes, such as a cultural competency workshop led by local author Syl Jones, to tried and true favorites like Jazzercise, in its 50th year in SLP.

ADULT OPTIONS IN EDUCATION / ABE – Responding to the economic need of adults for increased job skills, AOIE provides basic skills in English language, math, reading and GED preparation as a base for work readiness and college preparation. In partnership with Hopkins and Minnetonka Community Education.

PROJECT SOAR – Enrollment increased 5% for adults with disabilities, in a variety of social, recreational and enrichment activities. Operates in partnership with Hopkins, Minnetonka and Wayzata Community Education.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM – Recruits and trains volunteers for the City and Schools. Recruited 20 volunteers for the successful reading intervention program, Read 180. Volunteers helped 147 students in grades 4-6 improve their reading skills.

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Creating building blocks for a healthy, happy life

YOUTH ENRICHMENT – Serving grades K-12, the program maintained strong enrollment with new options like Flag Football and Chess Club, and favorites like Mad Science, art, and choir.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT – Students, grades 4-12, gained expertise in sparks, and became national leaders in applying this body of research developed by Search Institute founder Dr. Peter Benson.

AQUATICS – Joined Kids’ Place to offer winter and summer classes during the time students attend child care. Families loved it!

GYMNASTICS – Provides enrichment gymnastics classes for participants ages 2-18, and prepares athletes for competition on the SLP High School team.

SUMMER SPARK – This program ensures continued learning over the summer for students grades K-8 through enrichment classes and activities, including a new orchestra camp serving 38 students in grade 5-8.

KINDERGARTEN PLUS – This growing, tuition-based, full-day program benefited 83 students (up from 65), with extended learning time with the same certified kindergarten teacher all day.

KIDS’ PLACE CHILD CARE – Introduced the Summer Before Kindergarten program through which 20 students prepared for the transition to the Big K.