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TRAC youth, staff and volunteers have been busy this summer. To see pictures [CLICK HERE](#). If you have additional pictures of TRAC events please email them to [Maury](#).

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)**TRAC NEWS****Dear Maury,**

TRAC has been busy over the past few months...

TRAC has hired several new employees. Welcome Service Managers Liz Wilson, Jackie Smith, and Treva High. Jerry Sullivan has also joined us as the new Assistant Director; he was formerly the state Director for Arrow Children and Family Services.

TRAC's 3rd annual fundraiser, Sunburn Grand Prix at Texas Motor Speedway, was a great success on May 2nd-4th. With over 100 hard working volunteers and great Sports Car Club Association staff (SCCA), the weekend went off without a hitch.

TRAC sponsored the first-in-Texas PAL Summer Camp. Texoma Youth Camp donated their facilities to TRAC, who planned and organized a summer camp focusing on life skills. We are proud of our 40 PAL graduates from July, and we look forward to having PAL camp again next summer.

In late July, the Dallas County Council of Republican Women (DCCRW) hosted a wonderful College Kick-Off party at the Church of the Incarnation. There were inspirational words and a fantastic meal. As party favors, over 60 youth received gift baskets overflowing with necessary college-bound items.

A very special thank you to our dedicated summer interns: Gisele Owens, UTA Graduate Student, and Kim Travis, our ExxonMobil Community Summer Job Program intern.

AND, along with everything else TRAC youth have been matched with mentors, graduated, enrolled in college, gotten jobs, found stable housing, and are now employed. And there's even more to come!

TRAC and PAL's 3rd Annual Regional Teen Conference



YOU DECIDE YOUR FUTURE!!!

Saturday, October 18 2008

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Arlington

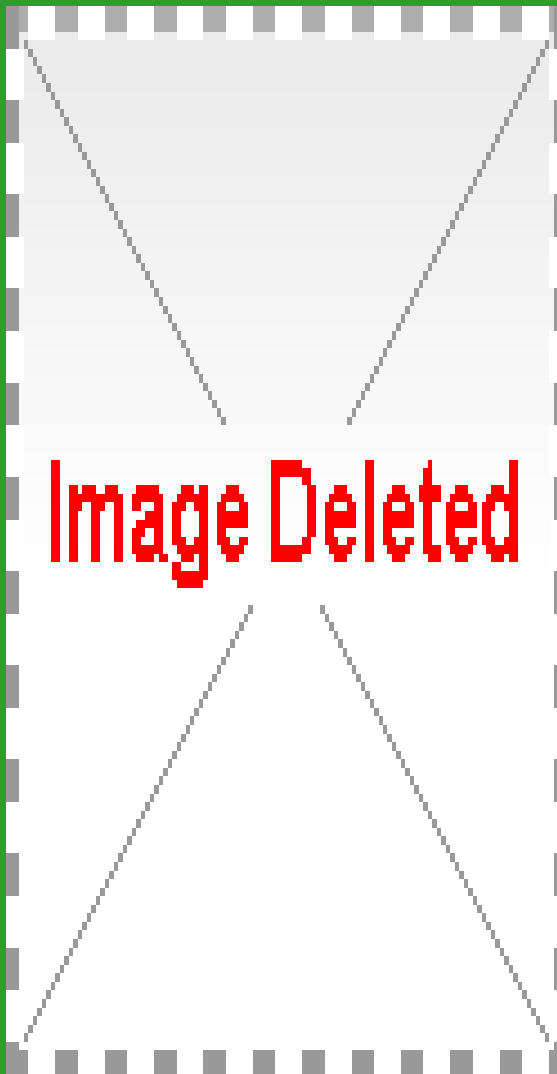
In-care youth, 16 years and older.

It's an all-new format this year with a focus on learning needed skills for a successful transition to independent living. Join TRAC, PAL, community partners, and in-care Region 3 teens (open to all 16 and older) for a day of FUN, prizes, and lots of helpful information!!!

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or to register contact:

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THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

"Santas" needed to adopt TRAC "Angels"!

TRAC is seeking friends, companies, church groups, and social networks with caring hearts to sponsor a deserving foster youth with gifts for the Holidays.

**Tell friends, family, co-workers, and bosses...SPONSOR
A TRAC YOUTH!!!**

Make TRAC your holiday charity!

Last year, with the community's support, TRAC brightened the season for over 160 youth. As TRAC has grown, this year we expect to have 250 requests from our young people. These requests are from TRAC "angels" who do not have a family to celebrate the holidays with and will likely not get any gifts or be able to provide gifts to their own children. We are asking for their wish lists; and for partners who will help us put the gifts under the tree.

For more information in helping us make holiday wishes come true for some very deserving teens and young adults (and their children), please contact [Maury Meekins](#), Community Outreach Manager at 214.370.9300 x 27. Or [CLICK HERE](#) to donate to

our gift fund.

TRAC is a program of Central Dallas Ministries, a 501(c)3 organization, so all gifts purchased for TRAC youth are tax deductible. We are seeking commitments before November so that we can know how many youth we can help.

UPCOMING TRAC EVENTS

September 20th: *C4t^2- Change for Today and Tomorrow*

Meeting at TRAC. C4t2 boasts of a promising future, helping those directly involved with the Youth Action Council and those who benefit by its missions and goals. Change for Today and Tomorrow will give North Texas youth a sense of belonging and an opportunity to develop leadership skills. Inevitably, we, current and former foster youth, who know it best, can change Texas' Child Protective Services. Contact [Rusty](#) for more information.

September 29th: *A Night to Remember: Clint Black*

Central Dallas Ministries', TRAC's parent organization, puts on this annual concert to benefit the agency and all their programs. For more information contact [Lisa Goolsby](#) (214) 823-8710 x138 or visit CDM's website [HERE](#).

October 2nd: *TRAC Member Meeting: Election Time*

Come join us at TRAC to learn about our candidates, voter's registration, and polling location. Dinner and entertainment are provided! Contact [Maury](#) to RSVP and reserve your meal!

October 18th: *Teen Conference*

Come join TRAC, community partners, and foster youth from around the region for a day full of fun, prizes, and lots of information! See above for details.

October 23rd: *Halloween Party*

Junior League and TRAC volunteers are throwing a spooky, fright fest at TRAC. Contact [Maury](#) for more information. Come join us if you dare...

October 25th: *Mentor Training*

Make a difference! Train to become a mentor for TRAC youth transitioning out of substitute care. At TRAC offices 9am to 4pm. RSVP to [Maury](#).

For more information about any of the events please contact Maury Meekins at maury@traconline.org or 214.370.9300 Ext 27.

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