Season of Thanks & Giving

November 2014

A Note from the CEO
Stephen Quirk

Greetings, friends. I hope this note finds you well. Here at YESS, we have much to be thankful for. Community trust is high, we have rock-star staff, and the emergency shelter expansion is on track to finish in Spring 2015. But challenges still remain as we’ve turned away nearly 700 children since the expansion construction began in April.

In the midst of this holiday season, I challenge you to think about how you can make a difference in the life of a child.

- Make a donation
- Volunteer
- Tour the facility
- Introduce a friend to YESS’ work

Together, we can and will make a better and brighter tomorrow for kids in crisis.

Peace, Stephen

HFL Tournament a Success!

On a beautiful fall day earlier this month, 20 teams took to the court for a fun and competitive afternoon of human foosball. Teams “played it forward” in a round-robin tournament, enjoying a tailgate feast, courtesy of the Iowa Pork Producers. While there are a few improvements to be made for next year, the event was a great success, raising about $10,000 for the shelter while introducing new friends to the agency and its work keeping kids safe. Thank you to all who made it such an entertaining day, from participants and spectators to committee members and volunteers...incredibly grateful to have you all on Team YESS!

Click here to see media coverage from our friends at WHO-TV 13 and ABC 5 News, and visit Christopher Maharry’s online gallery to see photos from the event!

Congratulations to our inaugural champion, team Almost in Shape!
Holiday Giving Opportunities

The holiday shopping season is upon us, and YESS has opportunities for you to support the kids while you search and shop online!

AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of every qualified purchase. (Search for Youth Emergency Services & Shelter of Iowa)

GoodSearch.com, a Yahoo-powered search engine, donates one penny for every search. Create a profile and set YESS - Des Moines as your charity of choice.

GoodShop.com is GoodSearch's online shopping platform. Just enter the name of your favorite store and GoodShop will donate 1% - 5% per purchase. Get the Goodshop app for iPhone so you can shop, save, and give on the go!