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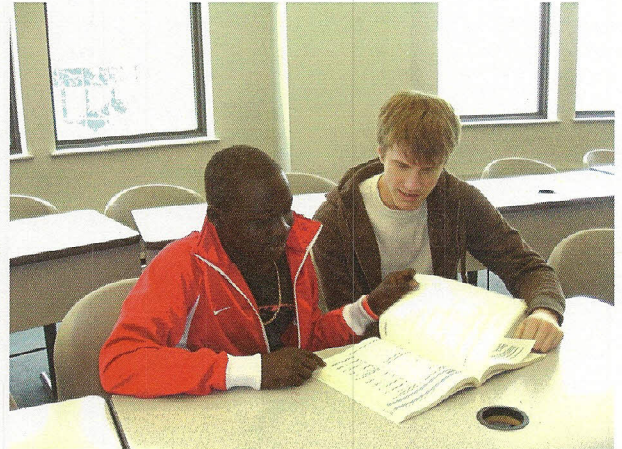
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PAQ Student Tutoring and Mentoring Program

Two years ago, Dhieu Agot was a struggling 14-year old . Dhieu and his family are from Africa where they had spent several years living in refugee camps. The school at the refugee camp met irregularly and its resources were limited. By the time he came to the Quad Cities, Dhieu, like many refugees, was behind in school. There were other issues too - a language barrier, and cultural differences. School buildings were far different from what Dhieu had known in Africa. He felt like an outsider and many of his classmates would have agreed: his English was minimal and heavily accented and he just seemed different from everyone else.



Edison Junior High called YSB. The school was concerned because Dhieu was failing many of his classes and he had started getting into fights with other students. YSB Counselor Johnnie Woods began working with Dhieu and his family to help them address the school's concerns, but also to help them understand some of the expectations and new challenges of life in the United States.

To address academic issues, Dhieu began attending STAMP (Student Tutoring and Mentoring Program) a YSB service provided by Prevention Attention Quick staff and volunteers. Every Saturday morning YSB staff members drove Dhieu to Augustana College to meet with a Math tutor. Dhieu is a fast learner and his progress has been impressive. He now earns A's in Math and all of his grades have improved.

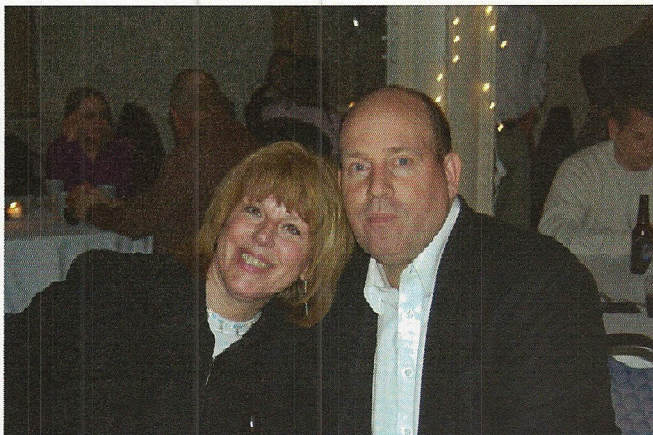
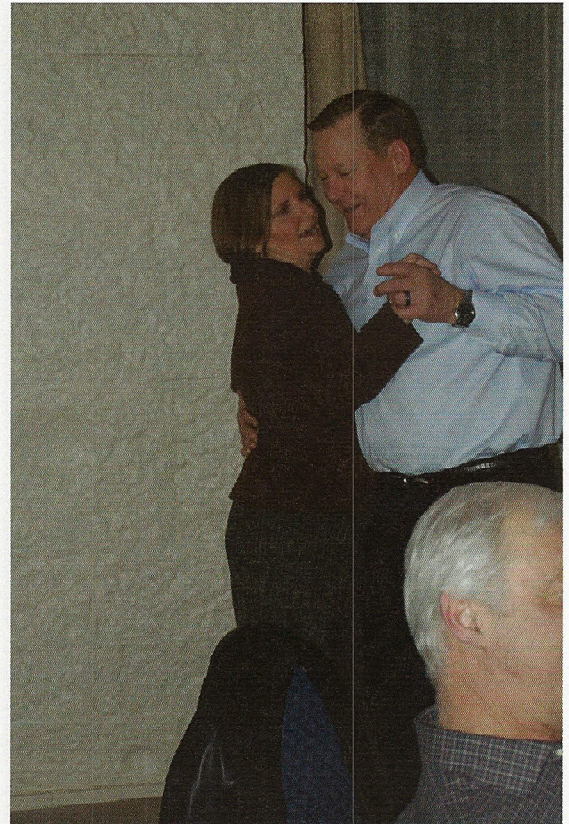
STAMP is the brain child of YSB Counselor Johnnie Woods. Johnnie provides counseling services to families living in Rock Island. Her caseload includes a large number of children and teens who have fallen behind in school and who seem to have given up. Two years ago Johnnie, with assistance from YSB staff member Charlene Lyon, decided to experiment with a tutoring program that emphasized supportive emotional relationships just as strongly as reading and math.

STAMP has grown into a service that includes many generous community partners. Augustana College, the Martin Luther King Center and Church of Peace all provide classroom space. Books, snacks and supplies are obtained through a generous grant from Royal Neighbors of America. STAMP tutors are volunteers who come from all over the community. They include teachers and students from Augustana College and Rock Island High School, as well as businessmen, engineers, and accountants who give up three hours on a Saturday morning to serve the community.

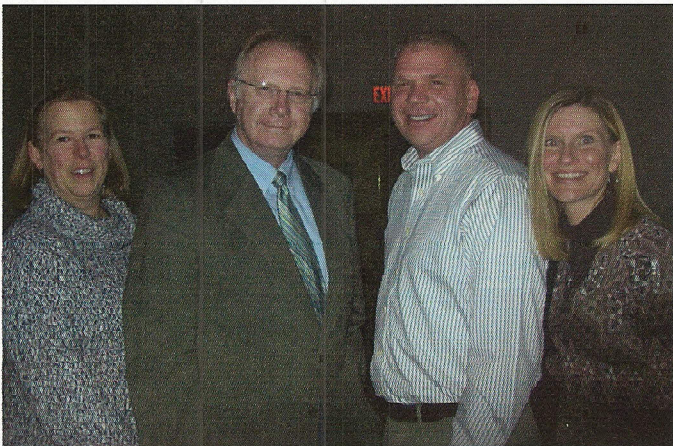
To volunteer in the STAMP program, contact the Youth Service Bureau at 309-793-3460.

Thank you!

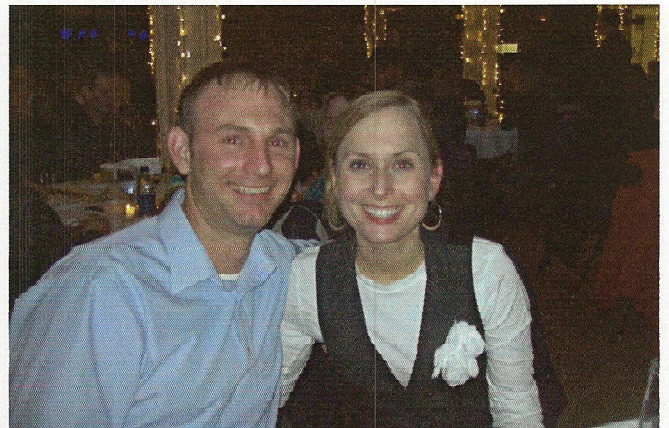
Youth Service Bureau's Winter Fundraiser, Keys to A Good Time, was held on January 22nd at Heritage Hall on Arsenal Island. This was our second year holding this Dueling Pianos Fundraising Event which raised \$5500 to help support YSB's Delinquency Prevention and Counseling Programs. Thanks again to everyone who came out to support this wonderful fundraiser!



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Register Now!

The Youth Service Bureau is proud to host our **8th Annual YSB Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing.** This event will be held on Saturday May 15th, 2010 at Indian Bluff Golf Course in Milan. Net proceeds will go toward supporting delinquency prevention and counseling services of YSB. This event is an excellent chance for you and some close friends to warm up your golf skills for the summer season while supporting a great cause!



YSB-Whitey Verstraete Memorial Golf Outing

Saturday May 15th, 2010

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Indian Bluff Golf Course, Milan

\$80/Person: Includes Golf Cart, Steak Dinner and Prizes

For More Information or to register and pay on-line, Visit our website at: www.ysbri.com or Call Us at (309) 793-3460

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The Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County relies on the support of individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations. Every gift, no matter the size, helps children and families in Rock Island County. The YSB would like to recognize the following donors who have contributed to our organization the past few months. Thank you for everything you have done to make our services possible.

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- Individual and Family Therapy Program
- Prevention Attention Quick (PAQ) Program
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