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The Youth Campus (TYC) has been caring for children in need for over 130 years. The Youth Campus is a private, nonsectarian, 501c3 organization devoted to children and families experiencing emotional and physical traumas. Profound caring, a passion to serve and the commitment to innovate are generously provided by our board of directors, donors, volunteers and staff.

- Began in 1877 as the Industrial School for Girls, an orphanage in Evanston, Illinois.
- Jane Addams, a director, pointed to cottages for the scale of family life and the model for residential care. Hannah Greenebaum Solomon led the board to build them in Park Ridge with design by Holabird & Root in 1908.
- Long known as the Park Ridge School for Girls, TYC began serving boys in the 1970's.
- By 1990's with the addition of a Chicago office supporting Foster Care & Adoption, the name changed to **The Youth Campus** reflecting the broader and more diverse population served.
- Today, TYC cares for children who have suffered abuse and severe neglect through strong, clinical programs in three areas: Residential Treatment, Caregiver Support and Foster Care.



Profile on December 31, 2009		In 606... Zip	Ages			Gender		Race			
Program	In Care 1/07 – 12/09	Current % of Total	0-5	6-12	13+	Male	Female	African-American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other
Residential	113	0%	0%	3%	97%	0%	100%	57%	33%	10%	0%
Caregiver	108	95%	60%	40%	0%	52%	48%	87%	4%	9%	0%
Foster Care	265	54%	21%	36%	43%	48%	52%	90%	2%	4%	3%

**Residential Treatment** serves girls from age 12-18, who are wards of the state of Illinois. A maximum of 34 girls live in Park Ridge and receive intense psychological services and care from skilled staff, 24 hours and seven days per week. They attend school mostly on site. After an average 12 month stay in care and preparation, they are ready to rejoin the community and pursue their goals in life. They move to carefully matched foster families, group homes, independent living or occasionally return home.

**Caregiver Support** helps children living at home with serious medical and developmental conditions. Registered Nurses from TYC bring in-home nursing, nutrition and health education. Respite staff supports these families, as they adjust to the demands of the child's serious medical condition.

**Foster Care and Adoption** provides the children safe, stable and loving homes suited to their needs. TYC matches each child with care for a lifetime: traditional, specialized and medical foster homes. Many of these are homes of relatives and many provide adoption opportunities. Foster Parents are recruited, trained and supported by TYC. In Illinois, foster children can choose to receive support through 21 years of age to launch successfully into adulthood. TYC advocates for as much help as possible.