



Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



WHAT WE DO.

It is important to remember that HAYC3 is much more than a building. Programs and initiatives created or supported by the organization take place throughout the community. Members represent many sectors of the community (youth, parents, schools, churches, businesses, service organizations, media, law enforcement, healthcare, local government, volunteer organizations, and substance abuse specialists) and work together to provide programs for youth and families throughout Hoosick.

All of these programs require staff, supplies, facility maintenance and operating expenses, such as fuel and electricity. In the past, multiple funding sources, including grants, special events, and municipal contributions, enabled us to offer these programs at little cost to participants and maintain reasonable membership dues of less than a dollar a day. However, economic realities have impacted those sources, and more of the money needed to

sustain the work of HAYC3 must come from our community in the form of membership dues, program fees and donations.

This year has been an exciting one for the Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition (HAYC3). We've made tremendous progress in terms of creating connections among our members. We launched our exciting community-police partnership, expanded leadership opportunities for youth, added to the number of service opportunities for the entire community, and a raised awareness of the importance of everyone working together to make Hoosick a place where youth and families feel a sense of belonging. The support of the local community is what makes the efforts of HAYC3 possible, and that support has grown enough to allow activities for youth and families to occur year-round.

“One of the best things about HAYC3 is the creativity that the entire staff encourages in the children through the programs they offer, especially the week-long camps. The staff helps the kids bring to life their wonderful ideas, and that instills a sense of confidence and positive attitude about what they are capable of doing.”

- Krissy Fauler, parent

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

To help support HAYC3, you can make a tax-deductible investment today. All investments are used locally to strengthen our community and any amount helps! **Please complete the form in this brochure and return it with your contribution.** Your kindness is greatly appreciated and we hope you will encourage others to invest as well. If you have never visited the HAYC3 building and want to see the program in action, stop by for a tour!



Dear Friends:

In looking back on the accomplishments of the Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition (HAYC3) over the past year, I was repeatedly struck by one thought: ***This is an organization and community to which I am proud to belong.***

In 2011, the scope and reach of HAYC3's programs grew significantly as did our connection to the community. In fact, we had record numbers of youth and families participate in our programs.

I am proud to report that through partnerships with numerous community organizations including local schools, faith organizations, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, athletic organizations, the village and town, the police force, and more, we helped to establish and promote programs and events that foster a safe community with a strong, unified spirit.

It is our goal that HAYC3 ultimately become the natural go-to resource and partner for any organization looking to create a positive event or experience within the community. At the same time, we will continue to offer a wider array of programs organized by HAYC3. From our ever-popular basketball league and after school program to adult art classes and enrichment programs, HAYC3 will continue to nurture the minds and bodies of young and old alike.

But as we all know, good intentions are not enough.

We need the support of community members like you to ensure we have the resources needed to keep our programs going... keep our youth engaged... inspire community members of all ages...and, most importantly, build a community that is truly connected.

So I am asking you today to please, give generously.

Now, more than ever, every dollar you invest in HAYC3 is truly an investment in the spirit, pride, and future of our community. Please help us in our work to keep Hoosick a community to which we are all proud to belong.

With thanks,



Michael Baker,
President of the Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition
Board of Directors

P.S. Every dollar you invest in our community Youth Center and its programs is tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. Your gift must be received by December 31, 2011 to qualify for a current year tax deduction.

Building Community through Programs That Make A Difference

In 2011, HAYC3 was proud to provide the following programs & opportunities to our community:

- **After School Care with Homework Help**
- **Community-Police Partnership**
- **Alternative Sentencing for Youth Alcohol Offenders**
- **Art Classes and Community Art Projects for Youth and Adults**
- **Annual Suicide Awareness Walk**
- **Community-based Mentoring**
- **School Vacation and Summer Enrichment Programs**
- **Safe, Supervised Facility for Youth to Meet and Hang Out**
- **Recreational Activities & Sports Programs such as Youth Basketball**
- **Hoosick Pumpkinpalooza and Other Pride & Tradition Initiatives**
- **Youth-2-Youth Leadership and Service Learning Opportunities**
- **Support for the Food Closet and Faith Formation Initiatives**
- **Village Clean-up, Townwide Tag Sale and Prescription Drop-off Days**
- **Financial Support for Family-friendly Community Events**
- **Coalition-based Strategies to Build a Healthier, Stronger Community**

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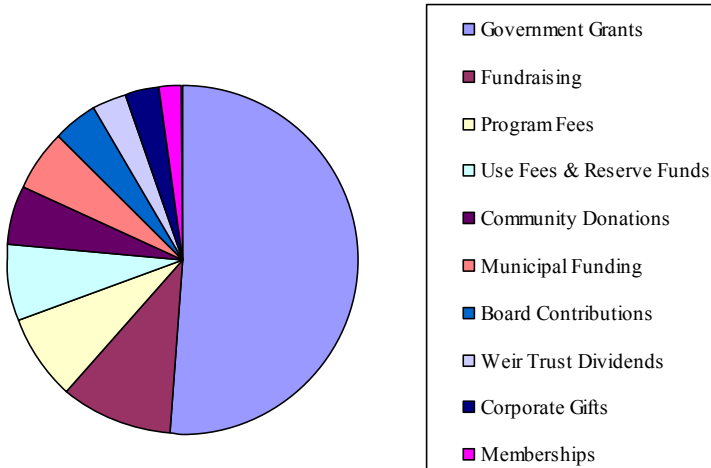
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Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition Mission Statement

The Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition (HAYC3) seeks to be a positive force in the Hoosick Falls community, especially in the lives of its youth, by providing and supporting activities, opportunities and evidence-based programs that foster engaged minds, healthy bodies, strong families and caring relationships. By operating a well-managed, supervised facility for recreation, art, music, mentoring, education, enrichment and social activities, HAYC3 creates a safe environment where youth and community members can choose to reach their full potential. Utilizing a coalition approach to planning, HAYC3 strives to involve all sectors of the community in the design of its annual offerings.

2010-11 Funding Sources



The annual operating budget of the Hoosick Area Youth Center and Community Coalition is approximately \$250,000. In 2010-11, funding to cover those costs came from the following sources:

Restricted Federal Funds.....	50.99%
Fundraising	10.28%
Program Fees.....	7.97%
Use Fees & Reserve Funds.....	7.27%
Community Donations	5.53%
Municipal Funding.....	5.49%
Board Contributions	4.17%
Weir Trust Dividends	3.08%
Corporate Gifts.....	2.91%
Membership Dues	2.32%

The current Drug Free Communities Support Program, which provides \$125,000 per year, will expire in 2015 and we will not be eligible to apply for extended funding. That means that over the next three-to-four years a plan must be developed to enable HAYC3 to operate without that help.

Part of the board's strategy to achieve that goal involves diversifying the streams of funding and increasing the amount of funds contributed through some of those streams. For example, additional programs could increase the contribution made by program fees. Annual appeal drives could raise the level of community donations. Our hope is that through diversification we will be able to maintain reasonable membership dues and program fees. Shifting the burden of the costs to operate the facility entirely on the families that need it the most is not a viable solution.

Long-term planning is the only way to protect the community's investment in HAYC3 and the Board is dedicated to this goal. We hope to create an annual giving campaign (where people contribute a small amount each month on a regular schedule). A planned giving program (where families and individuals can leave a portion of their estate to HAYC3) is also being established.

We are hopeful the community will consider being part of this long term sustainability plan. A community-based solution is our best option for the future. Last year's annual appeal brought in nearly \$15,000. We hope to meet or exceed that level of support this year.



"I really like the programs at HAYC3 because they are fun. My friends go there and I like playing with them there because there are so many different things to do. I have the most fun at the enrichment programs because we get to spend the whole day there creating our own cool projects.

- Karli, age 6



"This summer, I made my first visit to (HAYC3) since leaving Hoosick Falls 26 years ago. Alish and staff are to be commended for developing and expanding programs relevant to the youth of today. They kept the best of the old activities and forged into the future with a passion. Great job and best wishes for continued success!"

-Bill Murphy, former President of the Youth Center



“The Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition is vital and essential for the positive development of our youth. The efforts of the HAYC3 Board and their dedicated staff are making a difference...please support our children.”

- Ken Facin, HFCS Superintendent

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Levels of Support & Benefits

All-Star.....\$2500

Two tickets to the annual Harvest Dinner and recognition on Perpetual Plaque at HAYC3

Booster \$1000

Two tickets to the annual Harvest Dinner

Patron\$500

\$50 gift certificate toward any HAYC3 program

Donor\$250

\$25 gift certificate toward any HAYC3 program

Friend\$100

Recognition on the HAYC3 Website

Supporter\$50

E-Newsletter

Other (\$25, \$10, \$5, any amount helps!) _____

All donors will receive the e-newsletter

The Hoosick Area Youth Center & Community Coalition is a 501(c)3 charitable organization under the charter of the Hoosick Area Partnership for Parents & Youth. All investments in excess of the value of the benefits package received are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. Donors will receive a receipt acknowledging their donation for tax purposes. If you do not wish to receive your benefits package, please indicate that below. Your full donation will be tax deductible.

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Did you
know?



- We have been providing a safe, supervised place for the youth of Hoosick to gather for more than 58 years. Adults who came to play here as children now come to watch their grandchildren play. In 2013 we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary!
- No one is ever denied access to HAYC3 programs because they cannot pay. Contributions make it possible for us to offer scholarships and free memberships to those who need assistance.
- More than 500 children use the Youth Center regularly! In addition, dozens participate in the after school program, numerous youth and teens are involved in our leadership program, hundreds of students benefit from prevention programs at the schools and thousands of people enjoy our community events, like Pumpkinpalooza, each year.

To learn more about HAYC3, visit:

www.hoosickyouth.org.

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