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Rotary Golf Scramble To Benefit Youth Services

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The Wheeling Rotary Club third annual golf scramble benefiting Youth Services System Inc. tees off at 10 a.m. Sept. 29 at the Oglebay Park par 3 golf course.

Teams will consist of two players. A \$25 entry fee per player covers golf fees, prizes, drinks and food.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. To enter a team or sponsorship, call John Fahey or Mary Fahey at 304-242-7099 or 304-312-6908.

YSS Executive Director John Moses has been in his current position for the past nine years, and has been involved with the organization for 33 years. Speaking at the Wheeling Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, Moses said the YSS transitional living program was a unique service when it began years ago.

Previously, children in foster care were given little more than a good luck wish after turning 18 years old, Moses said.

Today, YSS equips teens with skills they need to successfully transition from foster care to independent living.

Community financial support, Moses continued, is crucial to the services and programs YSS provides.

"Believe me," Moses said, "we can't do what we do without the help of the community, and there's a lot of people in this room — through their organizations or their personal roles in life — that have helped Youth Services for the last 38 years."

A young woman who is a YSS client said she was living in a cramped home with family members when YSS found her a new place to live. While she and her boyfriend were in Morgantown for the birth of their child, she said, YSS handled the rent and utilities so the new parents could concentrate on the health of their child.

She said she and her boyfriend have re-enrolled in high school and are working to complete their senior year. She wants to go on to study nursing, while her boyfriend plans to join the Marine Corps in August.

"Without Youth Services System, I probably would be in a homeless shelter," she said. "It's been an honor to receive the funds that we have received from clubs like (Rotary), that have helped me get to where I am today."

"I know that if we need anything that Youth Services Systems is going to be behind us," she added. "And programs like (Rotary) are the reason for that."



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The Wheeling Rotary Club's third annual golf scramble benefiting Youth Services System Inc. will be held Sept. 29. Pictured, from left, are Rotarian Susan Hogan, YSS Executive Director John Moses, Rotarians Bryan Ramsey, Mary Kay Fahey, Craig Tredenick, Bob Stahl, Cheryl Jones and Richard Jones.

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