Our Mission

Founded in 1987, Alternatives For Girls helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation, and helps them to explore and access the support, resources, and opportunities necessary to be safe, to grow strong, and to make positive choices in their lives.

Program Highlights of Fiscal Year 2009

The AFG Shelter:

- Provides counseling to residents and helps them acquire the skills they need to lead independent, productive and fulfilling lives
- Sheltered 172 homeless young women and their children last year
- 7,607 nights of care were provided to homeless young women and their children
- Participants receiving Emergency/Crisis Shelter stayed an average of 54 days

“I aspire to be a woman who is intelligent, confident, and successful. Everyday, I am becoming more empowered, spiritually awakened, self-sufficient, and everything else that is making me the best person I can be.” - Tempest, former Shelter participant

Now you see the youth standing up—we’re not just the future, we’re now and forever. Now is our time to shine.”
- Lawnya, TAP member (Teen Advisory Panel)

The AFG Prevention Program:

- Works with girls ages 5-18 who are at risk of teen pregnancy, gang involvement, abusing drugs or alcohol and school truancy
- Of 164 participants, 90% are drug free
- 96% of girls and young women participating in after-school workshops reported an increase in self-esteem
- 100% of young women old enough to graduate to graduate from high school not only graduated, but went on to college—9 years running!

The AFG Outreach Program:

- Helps teens and women engaging in high-risk activities understand risks and transition to safe choices and healthy lives
- 6,128 youth and women on the streets and in the community last year received information and resources
- 80% of women who actively participate in New Choices and utilize case planning services obtained legitimate and safe housing
**Statement of Activities**

For the year ended September 30, 2009

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**Statement of Financial Position**

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• Albert & Doris Pitt Foundation
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• Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
• Latino Family Services
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• The Elizabeth, Allan & Warren Shelden Foundation

$2,500 to $4,999
• AAUW Grosse Pointe Branch
• Scott and Lesley Atton
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• The Bing Group
• Christ Church Grosse Pointe
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• Community Foundation for Southeast MI
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• Junior League of Detroit, Inc.
• Allen and Polly Ledyard
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• Penske Corporation
• Peter & Dorothy A. Solomon Foundation
• Right Management Consultants
• Pamela Rodgers
• Kristin Shelden
• St. John Health
• The Roeper School
• Trinity Health
$2,500 to $4,999 (cont’d)
- University District Community Association
- Women Lawyers Association of MI
- Young Woman’s Home Association
- Youth Development Commission

$1,000 to $2,499
- Jeanette M. Abraham
- AIDS Partnership Michigan
- AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign
- Autodesk Inc.
- Biker Bob’s Harley-Davidson Motown
- Elsie Bowers
- The Brinker Group
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- Metropolitan United Methodist Church
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$250 to $499

• Maha Freij
• Gabriel Richard High School
• Joanne K. & Joseph F. Galvin
• Sherry Glenn
• Edward and Justine Good
• Pat Greenwood
• Jonnie Hamilton
• Patricia and Tom Hardy
• Carmen Harlan
• Carol Hollenshead and Bruce J. Wilson
• Kathryn Savoie and Kim and Anika Hunter
• IBM Employee Services Center
• Jeffrey and Joanne Ishbia
• JPMorgan Chase Foundation
• John W. and Julie Ann Keros
• Richard Kitch
• Rick and Ellen Kroopnick
• Monica Labe
• Frank F. Lanzilote
• Dominic Liburdi
• Susan Lilienfeld
• Leonia Lloyd
• Krystal Lyons
• Mark Malin
• Denise C. Markovich
• Aaron and Francine Martin
• Jade Mathis
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• Myra McInerney
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• Karen Meyers
• Michigan First Credit Union
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• Howard and Susan Tapper
• Judy Tatum
• Stuart and Barbara Trager
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VISIT AFG!

Twice each month at Alternatives For Girls, we invite the community in to get to know us. We share stories from our programs, our successes, and hear from the amazing girls and young women we serve. Each open house lasts just one hour. Open houses are held the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm and the fourth Thursday at 9:00 am each month. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Chavon Clark at (313)361-4000 ext. 223 or cclark@alternatives-for-girls.org.
Volunteers at Alternatives For Girls

“I’ve been a mentor to 3 lovely girls since they were 13. Although I’m no longer officially involved with AFG’s mentoring program, these ladies are still in touch with me regularly. Two of them are mothers now themselves, and one is at college doing great. I found this experience to be so incredible for myself. I love these girls as if they were my own daughters. I had to let go (just like all parents do) to let them make their own choices, but I’ve loved to see them in their journey.” - Dawn Denise New-Echlin, former AFG Mentor

In FY 2009, over 300 volunteers gave over 9,300 hours of service to Alternatives For Girls. Some of their amazing accomplishments included:

- Mentoring over 150 at-risk youth
- The Pierce Girl Scout troop planned, solicited, and implemented activities for a full-day volunteer project at AFG
- Roeper School students volunteered with Prevention; assisting with Parent/Daughter Day, tutoring, and elementary school workshops. They also planned a Talent Show, which raised money to support AFG
- Twenty-five students affiliated with United Way of Southeastern Michigan spent MLK Day at AFG cleaning the shelter
- Ford Employees volunteered three times for their Acceleration Action Days this year painting, landscaping, organizing the garage, and performing carpentry work
- The Compuware Women’s Association donated gifts, supplies, dessert, and volunteered for Prevention’s School Incentive Party

Would you like to become more involved? Visit www.alternativesforgirls.org for more information.

Giselle: Singing a Song of Success

I came to AFG because I had nowhere else to go. I was just 17 years old, and a junior in high school. When I first arrived at AFG’s Shelter, I didn’t know what to do. I thought, “How long am I going to last here?” and “What’s going to happen next?” But I quickly started to feel comfortable, and felt stable for the first time.

Now I feel like I am independent. The chores, schedule, and meetings at AFG gave me a vivid understanding of what I’m supposed to be. I’ve become more responsible and stable and I have learned the skills that I need to be successful on my own.

Since being at AFG, I’ve been able to focus on school and my ultimate passion, music. This is the first time I’ve been on the honor roll! I’ve brought my grade point average up from a 2.7 at the beginning of the year to a 3.7 at the end of the year. I also joined Mosaic Youth Theatre, where I was able to enhance my musical skills.

I just graduated from high school, and I am going to Kentucky State University in the fall. I knew that graduation would get me close to my dream. I want to become successful and have unlimited happiness.