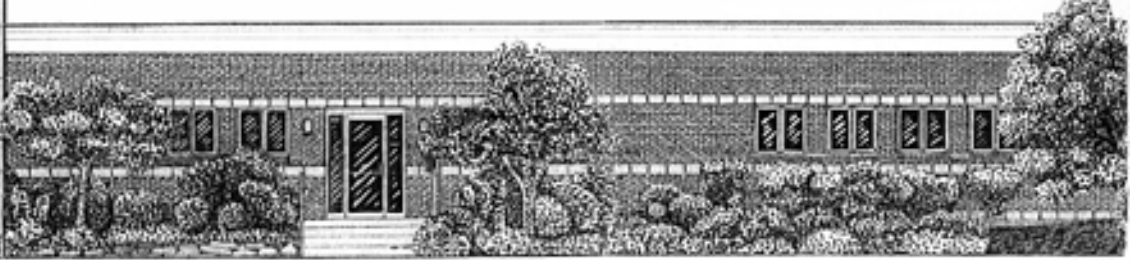




# St Malachi Center



*Founded in Faith*

*Nurtured in Love*

*Continued in Hope*

## YTA Keeps Kids Connected

Middle School students in our After-School Program make up the Young Teen Alliance (YTA), a group created four years ago to meet the special needs of 10-14 year olds. At the time of its inception, we found this group struggled to make healthy decisions at an age when many temptations, such as smoking, drinking and gangs are being presented. Students of this age group need activities that keep them engaged, and help develop interpersonal and leadership skills. YTA was created to bridge the gap between middle school and high-school.

Larry Anderson and Jill Haltigan lead our young teens. Larry has been with the program since its creation four years ago.

“YTA keeps kids connected to the Center, and out of trouble. Many of the younger kids look forward to becoming part of the group. 4th and 5th graders say 'Next year, Mr. Larry, I'll get to be in Young Teen Alliance.’” The schedule for YTA includes time for socializing with friends, a snack, homework assistance, and structured activities based on a theme.



*Jill Haltigan, Larry Anderson, and the young teens that make up YTA.*

Each year focuses on a topic. Previous topics have included exploring careers and serving the community. This year's focus is on diversity. Each week's activities are designed to develop understanding and respect for cultural differences. For Brazil week YTA made carnival costumes, learned about Brazilian traditions, and played soccer. “These kids only know one thing” says Larry. “When we teach them about different cultures, we can see them start opening their minds to the possibilities. We try to show them a glimpse of other parts of the world as much as we can to help broaden their understanding.”

“Young Teen Alliance is one of the best things to happen to these kids,” says Larry. *(Cont'd on Pg. 3)*

## Jesuit Volunteer To Serve Year With Us

For the next year, Jesuit Volunteer Jill Haltigan will be working at the Center as our new Youth Program Specialist. In the Spring, Jill graduated from Dartmouth College. She is a Washington D.C. native who put off medical school for a year, to have a chance to come to Cleveland and work with teenagers with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps is partnered with Americorps. Their volunteers receive only a small

stipend to cover living expenses, and a partial college scholarship at the end of their year of service. Jill lives with other volunteers who serve our community through different organizations. “It's not easy living with seven people you didn't know before,” she says. But because her roommates are serving the same population, she adds, “I always have someone to talk to that's dealing with similar problems, whether it be racism, poverty, or social justice issues.”

Jill is working with Larry Anderson to create new projects for young teens in our After-School Program. Program Director Sheila Boyd-Siek sees Jill's input helping us shape the future of our teen and young teen programs. She says, “Jill is a good role model for our kids, especially the girls in our group. Larry serves as a father figure for the teens, and Jill gives the girls someone they can come to.”

Dear Friends,

The future success of St. Malachi Center lies in the hands of volunteers. The history of the Center is rooted in caring individuals who volunteered their time and talents to create a "special place" for the community. Today the future of St. Malachi Center continues to rely on the goodwill and helping hands of volunteers.

It is important that the Center and the Board of Trustees never become distracted by budgets and fiscal responsibilities to ever forget the **invaluable contributions** made by volunteers. A special thank you to all those who help the Center in those, "done-and-then-forgotten" things, "oh-its-nothing" things, "oh-so-important" things, and all those "things that are never seen" that make a difference to the Center and in lives of the people who benefit from the Center's programs and services.

As you read this newsletter, please join me in a special prayer of thanksgiving for our many volunteers and a special prayer that the gift of the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and inspire individuals to volunteer and support the Center into the future.

Thank you Jesus for you gift of volunteers.

Peace,  
Melanie Wall  
President, Board of Directors

# Volunteers in Action

Volunteers are a large part of our success. Volunteers come to us from all walks of life, and provide all sorts of services.

## Directly Serve



Be a positive role model for a child by serving as a Reading Buddy, tutor, or mentor.

## Share a Skill



Share your experiences and knowledge by speaking or leading an activity for one of our groups.

## Provide Support



Work behind the scenes to provide technical support or help out on a fundraising committee.

## Help Maintain



Donate a little elbow grease and help us maintain our precious resources, like this group of Boy Scouts who painted the entrance ways and helped with signage for Malachi Mart. Thank you, David Stokely and Troop 41.



## Entertainment Books

Books cost only \$25, and \$8 of each book goes to support programming at the Center. The books are filled with coupons for savings at restaurants, movies, sporting events, and attractions.

If you're interested in buying a book, or helping us sell books, call us at 216-771-3036.

To sell books via email, visit [fundraising.entertainment.com](http://fundraising.entertainment.com) and click on the website's Seller Section. Enter St. Malachi Center's account #663312, and follow the directions.

# Volunteers Needed

**Computer Teacher** - Someone to teach basic PC skills to beginners.

**Clothing Ministry** - People to help hand out clothing the third Saturday of every month.

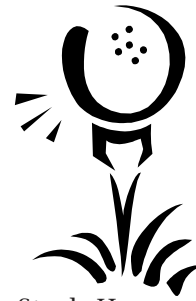
**Malachi Mart** - Part-time office worker to come in once a week to assist with filing, maintaining databases, creating advertisements, and writing acknowledgements.

**Teen Night** - People to serve as mentors to teen group. Mentors have dinner with teens, help with homework, accompany them on field trips, and serve as positive role models.

**Reading Buddies** - Donate a few hours a week to mentor a child in our after school program.

**Literacy/GED** - Tutors needed Monday and Wednesday nights

# 11th Annual St. Malachi Open



The 11th Annual St. Malachi Open took place on September 12th. 106 people showed up to raise over \$14,000 for St. Malachi Center. All this could not have been possible if not for the hard work of the Golf Committee headed by Matt Parnell, and the many loyal Underwriters, Hole Sponsors, and Donors who contributed to the event.

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# Petitti's Family Fall Festival



**Saturday 10/4/03**  
 9:30-3 Scarecrow Building (bring clothes)  
 10-6 Dahlia Society Show  
 11-3 Meet Alcapas  
**Sunday 10/5/03**  
 10-5 Dahlia Society Show  
 11-1 Petting Zoo  
 12-3 Scarecrow Building (bring clothes)  
**Saturday 10/11/03**  
 11-1 Kids make a craft  
 11-2:30 Adopt a pet from APL  
 12 Animal Guys  
**Sunday 10/12/03**  
 11-1 Kids make a craft  
 12-3 Adopt a pet from APL



*YTA prepare meals for annual YTA Cafe*

Support the Center by visiting Petitti Garden Center's Family Fall Festivals at the Oakwood Village Petitti Gardens at 24964 Broadway Ave.

*Young Teens from Page 1*  
 YTA teaches family values, and how to respect others. "What I like about YTA is the freedom," says 7th grader Brandon Scott, a YTA participant for the last two years. "In the younger group they watch-dogged us more. In YTA, we have a lot more responsibility." In YTA, teens run an annual café, have car washes, play bingo with senior citizens, are mentored by Baldwin Wallace students and participate in recreational activities.

When youth graduate our After School Program, the Center transitions them to our teen program, which meets on Wednesday nights. Now that YTA has existed for four years, we're seeing the first crop of teens who have been completely through our After-School Program enter into our Teen Program.



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The ministry of St. Malachi Center is to nourish the families and youth of the Near West Side of Cleveland in spirit, mind, and body to support their self-development.

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## Wish List...

### Office

Copy paper, adult scissors, AA batteries, stamps, black pens, scotch tape, file folders

### General

45 gallon trash bags, paper towels, bleach

### Youth

Pencils, board games, glue sticks, snacks, drink mix

### Kitchen

Paper products, (plates, cups, napkins,) plastic silverware, aluminum foil

### Showers

Spray deodorant, combs, vaseline, razors, after shave, socks

## Malachi Mart Fall Specials

**Halloween** - Masks, Costumes, & Collectibles

**Fimo Jewellery** - \$1.99 to \$5.99

**Incense** - Many Aromatic Scents - \$1.99 - \$2.49

**Sterling Silver Earrings** - \$2.99

**Perfume & Cologne** - \$1.49

(26 types)

**Party Supplies Galore** - Cards, Wraps, Cups, Plates, Table Cloths - \$.49 & up

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### Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
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10:00 am - 2:00 pm

