

BRIDGE BUILDERS NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for Teens and Their Caregivers
"Bridging the Gap for Youths Leaving Foster Care"

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GREAT NEWS: YTIA has a new office. The office is located at 900 N.E. Loop 410, Suite E111 (Petroleum Center Building). We moved in on February 1st and we are still putting it together but soon you will have a place to drop in for a visit! The office will be manned by volunteers so please call (210-256-1888) before stopping by. (If you need to mail something please still use our mailing address: Post Office Box 29256; San Antonio, Texas 78229.)



DON'T GIVE AWAY MONEY!! APPLY TODAY!

Graduating Seniors or Youths in Care Returning to College: YTIA will be accepting applications for our "Be Young Scholarship" starting on Friday, February 1, 2019. **Deadline for submitting your application is May 31, 2019.** Awards are for the 2019-2020 academic year. See YTIA website (www.ytia.org) under "Our Programs" – "Scholarships" for Scholarship Application, and Scholarship Requirements.



ARE YOU WORKING ON YOUR ART?

YTIA **Fiesta!** ART CONTEST HAS STARTED.

THEME: The theme is "Fiesta!" but you are not necessarily limited to just what you would see at a fiesta; your work must be of something, or someone, colorful (*HINT:* a flower or animal or insect; a clown or other colorful character). You can submit a drawing, a painting, or a photograph!

DEADLINE: Friday, March 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Entry forms and contest rules are on our website (www.ytia.org); see "Youth Scene" — "Art Contest". Prizes will be awarded at Fiesta de Jovenes in April (see below).

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Fiesta De Jovenes



Saturday, April 6, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MacArthur County Park, Pavilion 4

1611 N.E. Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78216

This is a **free event for youths in foster care and their foster families.**

Attendees **MUST R.S.V.P. by March 29th!**

Wrist bands (for food) will be provided to attendees.

Food, fun, games, information, and much more!

RSVP to ytia2009@gmail.com or to Mary Valdez at 210-842-8955 (text or voice mail).

PLEASE COME!



SAVE THESE DATES:

MAY 9, 2019: PAL (AND YTIA) GRADUATION DINNER

JULY 10, 2019 YOUTH EXPLOSION 5

More scholarship opportunities:

The Andy Mireles Charitable Foundation Scholarship can be applied for between March 1 – 31, 2019. Check www.andymireles.org for details.



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Build bridges wherever you go. If you're not building a bridge, you're tearing something down.

Follow YTIA on Facebook. *We continue to post job opportunities and job fairs on our Facebook page.
Hope you are continuing to follow our page.*

**Share your thoughts with us about our Facebook page. Or, “like” us on Facebook.
And, if you are doing something particularly interesting, share it with us.**

**We can be reached through our website (www.ytia.org; just send us a “contact”),
or on the phone (210) 256-1888, or via email at ytia2009@gmail.com.
If you have a question, concern, or issue, we'd like to hear about it; give us a call.**

*If someone you know wants to receive “Bridge Builders Newsletter”, have them send Mary Valdez and email or text message.
If you want to be removed (unsubscribed) from this list, please do the same thing (send an email or text message). Thanks.*

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