



Chances And Services for Youth

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# Providing services “cradle to college” to ensure children grow up in safe, nurturing environments in our community.



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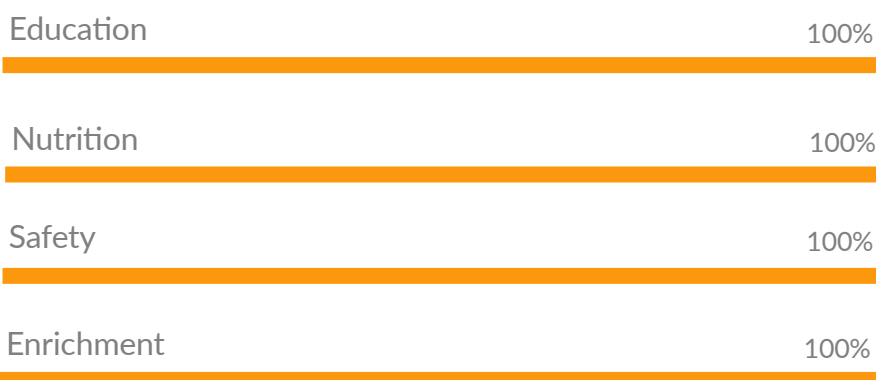
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### Our Goal

## A Chance for Every Child

To improve children’s lives through parent education, quality child care resources, and leadership on children’s issues throughout the community.



# Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley

Creating a positive difference in the lives of children, one volunteer and one child at a time.

## About the Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley changes lives for the better, forever. BBBS provides children in the Wabash Valley with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships with a caring adult.



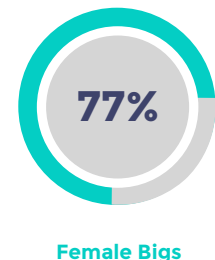
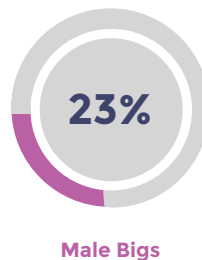
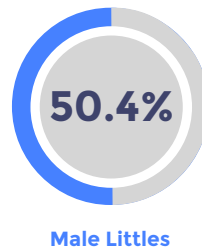
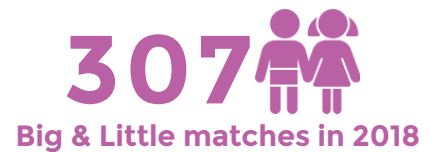
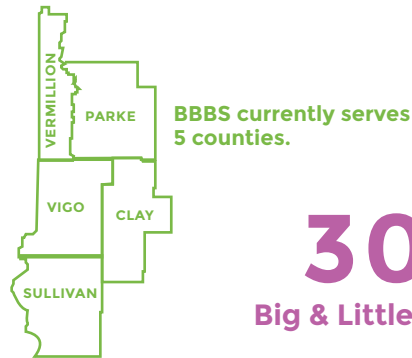
Bo Turner, Big Sis

*“She keeps me grounded.”*

Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth. The goal is to assist children in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, and caring individuals, by providing committed volunteers, local and national leadership, and standards of excellence.



In 2018, local youth enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley one-to-one mentoring program saw:



# Child Care Resource & Referral

Connecting parents, child care providers, community partners, and policymakers.

## About the Program

Serving early education professionals by offering quality professional development opportunities and support. Our specialists support programs in making quality improvements through the Paths to QUALITY™ system. Paths to QUALITY™ is Indiana’s statewide voluntary rating system for early care and education programs. It is a free resource to help families make informed decisions and to help early care and education providers improve the quality of their programs. These specialists offer support in infant toddler care, preschool, school-age, inclusion, and program management.



  
**2,400**  
**Educators**  
received training & resources

Serving  
**11**  
**counties**

Providing for  
**29,177**  
**children**  
ages 0-5

Serving   
**425+**  
early education  
**programs**

  
**852**  
**hours**  
of on-site  
technical assistance

**305**  
Paths to QUALITY™  
**programs**  
in service delivery area

## On My Way Pre-K Program

The On My Way Pre-K Program awards grants to low-income families to provide better access to high-quality education for their 4-year-old children.

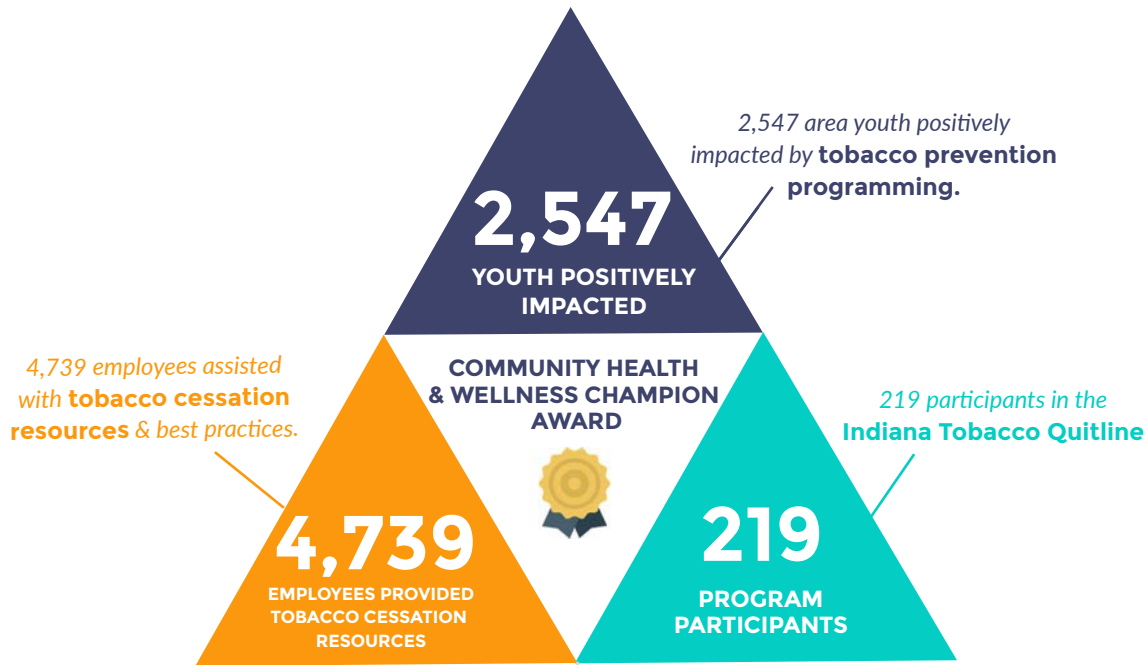
**133** Enrolled through  
**KIDS** *On My Way Pre-K*  
grants in Vigo & Monroe Counties.

“Your support for our community is critical to the success of our early education system.”

- Community Partner

# Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program

Promoting a tobacco-free generation through community prevention and cessation resources.



2018 Community Health & Wellness Champion Award from the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce

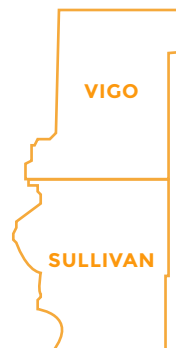


## About the Program

The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program seeks to promote a tobacco-free generation through prevention education, supporting tobacco-free environments, and assisting tobacco users who want to quit. CASY was honored as the lead agency for the Vigo County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition with the 2018 Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce’s Community Health and Wellness Champion Award.

### Growing a tobacco-free generation through:

- ▶ Prevention education
- ▶ Supporting tobacco-free environments
- ▶ Assisting tobacco users who want to quit



Tobacco Prevention currently serves Vigo and Sullivan Counties.

# Wabash Valley Lemonade Day

Inspiring young entrepreneurs to work hard, make a profit, and give back to the community.

## About the Program

Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own, and operate their very own business – a lemonade stand. Each year, youth have the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by setting up their business during their city’s community-wide Lemonade Day.

For the second year, CASY organized Wabash Valley Lemonade Day. Over 170 children participated in the event across the Valley!

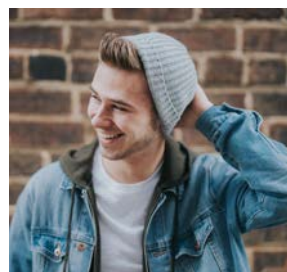


## Teen Court Program

Offering first-time teen offenders a second chance to stay out of trouble.

### About the Program

Chances And Services for Youth’s Teen Court gives first-time offenders a second chance. Young offenders are referred to Teen Court from the Juvenile Probation Office and appear before a court made up of their peers. They are sentenced by a jury of their peers and offered an opportunity to give back to their community for their offenses. Teen Court also reduces the caseload of our juvenile courts by doing the trial ourselves. Teen Court focuses on youth empowerment by being youth-driven and youth-led. We provide an opportunity for youth to serve the community and themselves through the practice of citizenship, responsibility, integrity, accountability, and empathy.



Teen Court served over 70 youths in 2018.

### Juvenile Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program

This program is designed to help students understand the dangers of alcohol and drug usage and to equip them with the skill sets they need to make better decisions in the future.

“This program is vital to the youth in our community and without it, we would certainly see more children in the court system.”  
- Caleb Felschner, J.D.  
Volunteer Judge

## Drug Free Communities

Reducing and preventing youth substance abuse by increasing community collaboration, engaging youth in positive social activities, providing education, and more.

### About the Program

Drug Free Vigo County is a community-based coalition dedicated to educating the community about alcohol and other drug problems, assessing local needs, and initiating, coordinating, and implementing comprehensive local plans.

Drug Free Vigo County was awarded a federal Drug Free Communities grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Chances And Services for Youth is the fiscal agent and provides oversight for the grant. The grant allowed the coalition to focus on reducing underage drinking and substance abuse. The coalition was established in 1989, as the Local Coordinating Council.

## iLEAD Youth Leadership Program

Building leadership and personal growth through youth-driven service and hands-on experiences.

iLEAD is designed to provide youth the opportunity to enhance and develop leadership skills and empowerment within a grassroots framework. This youth leadership council works within the community to formulate social media campaigns, provide a summer leadership conference, promote educational lessons and activities during monthly meetings. They are also the voice of communication to peers in promoting positive social behaviors. iLEAD embraces the idea of youth empowerment and the impact of peers educating peers.



### Wabash Valley Youth Leadership Conference

In 2018, a new leadership opportunity was launched for middle school students called Wabash Valley Youth Leadership Conference! Drug-Free Vigo County and iLEAD through Chances And Services for Youth (CASY) partnered with the Wabash Valley Youth Leadership Institute to provide a fun, empowering, and energizing leadership camp for students. Students enjoyed a two-day overnight stay at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College where they experienced team building exercises from a nationally recognized organization, worked with horses, and interacted with Kevin Wanzer, a professional motivational speaker/comedian who specializes in motivating teens.

## Bikes For Tykes

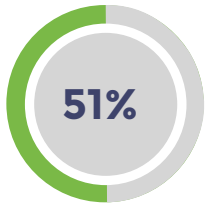
Brightening each holiday season with more than 400 bicycles and helmets for children in need.



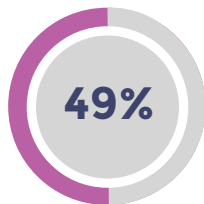
Bikes for Tykes provided over 400 bicycles this year for children in the Wabash Valley.

### About the Program

Unfortunately, many children in the Wabash Valley will wake up on Christmas morning without presents under the Christmas tree. Through Bikes for Tykes, we hope to brighten the holiday season for children in our community by providing them with a bicycle and a helmet. The goal of Bikes for Tykes is to ensure that children in Vigo, Clay and Vermillion Counties who are in need of a bicycle will have one for the holiday season. By providing bikes to kids in need, this program gives children a form of independence and responsibility and increases their self-esteem, while fighting childhood obesity. With help from generous community members, Bikes for Tykes is able to purchase and distribute more than 400 bicycles and helmets annually.



boys received a bike & helmet for Christmas 2018



girls received a bike & helmet for Christmas 2018

## Safe Kids of Vigo County

Providing education, programming, and support with one common goal: to keep your children safe.

### About the Program

Our dedicated staff provides support initiatives based on the needs of our community. Safe Kids of Vigo County, supported by Union Health, implements evidence-based programs such as car seat checks and distribution events, safety workshops and clinics, and community education programs that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.



Safe Kids certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians are available to train parents and caregivers to select, install, and adjust car seats and booster seats. Services include:

- Assistance in obtaining car seats.
- Provide help to parents and caregivers in the proper installation and adjustment of car and booster seats.
- Advise parents and caregivers on the proper car safety needs of each child.



## Child & Adult Care Food Program

Helping children receive healthy, nutritious meals while keeping food costs down for the child care facility.

### About the Program

The CASY Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps children enrolled in child care facilities to receive the nutritious meals their growing bodies need while keeping food costs down for the child care facility. The program reimburses the child care facility based on the number of meals served each month to children in their care.

“ There’s a bigger push to not just teach the children about healthy food and lifestyle choices but to show them by example. The food program staff really supports us in allowing the children to help prepare the food and engage in exercise.”

- Amy Munn, Child Care Provider

CASY provides CACFP ongoing nutrition education and assistance to childcare providers. This, in turn, aids parents as they are not only assured their children are receiving nutritious meals and snacks, but healthy habits are being established and child care costs are kept down as well.

Serving  
**12**  
Counties

 **1,569,144**  
meals served



165 Child Care Facilities  
participate in CASY’s CACFP.

## Child Care & Development Fund

Providing qualifying families financial assistance for child care costs through vouchers.

### About the Program

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is a federal program that helps low-income families obtain child care so that they may work, attend training, or continue their education. The purpose of CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care. Families must choose a child care provider who meets CCDF provider eligibility standards.

Serving  
**10**  
Counties



Child Care & Development Fund  
served over 890 local  
families in 2018.

## Camp RAVE Summer Camp

Offering summertime experiences for kids that are safe, fun, engaging, and enriching.

### About the Program

Camp RAVE is designed to give kids a fun-filled summer with educational and recreational activities that include environmental discovery, arts, character development, literacy, health and wellness, and much more. Camp RAVE's goal is to prevent summer learning loss and strengthen children's decision-making skills through unique, engaging activities.

# PURDUE EXTENSION

Vigo County Purdue Extension is a proud supporter of CASY's Camp RAVE.

CASY collaborates with *Vigo County Purdue Extension* to create hands-on activities such as gardening and woodworking, weekly field trips, college campus visits, and participation in 4-H. Camp RAVE is open to all grade-school aged children at a low cost.



Camp RAVE served an average of 67 children per week during the summer.

## Out of School Club

Ensuring that Vigo County kids have a safe, fun, and enriching after-school program.

### About the Program

The Out of School Club is a free fun-filled program open to all grade-school children in Vigo County. The program offers a safe after-school environment for children and fun, engaging, hands-on experiences designed to strengthen life skills, decision-making, and learning skills.

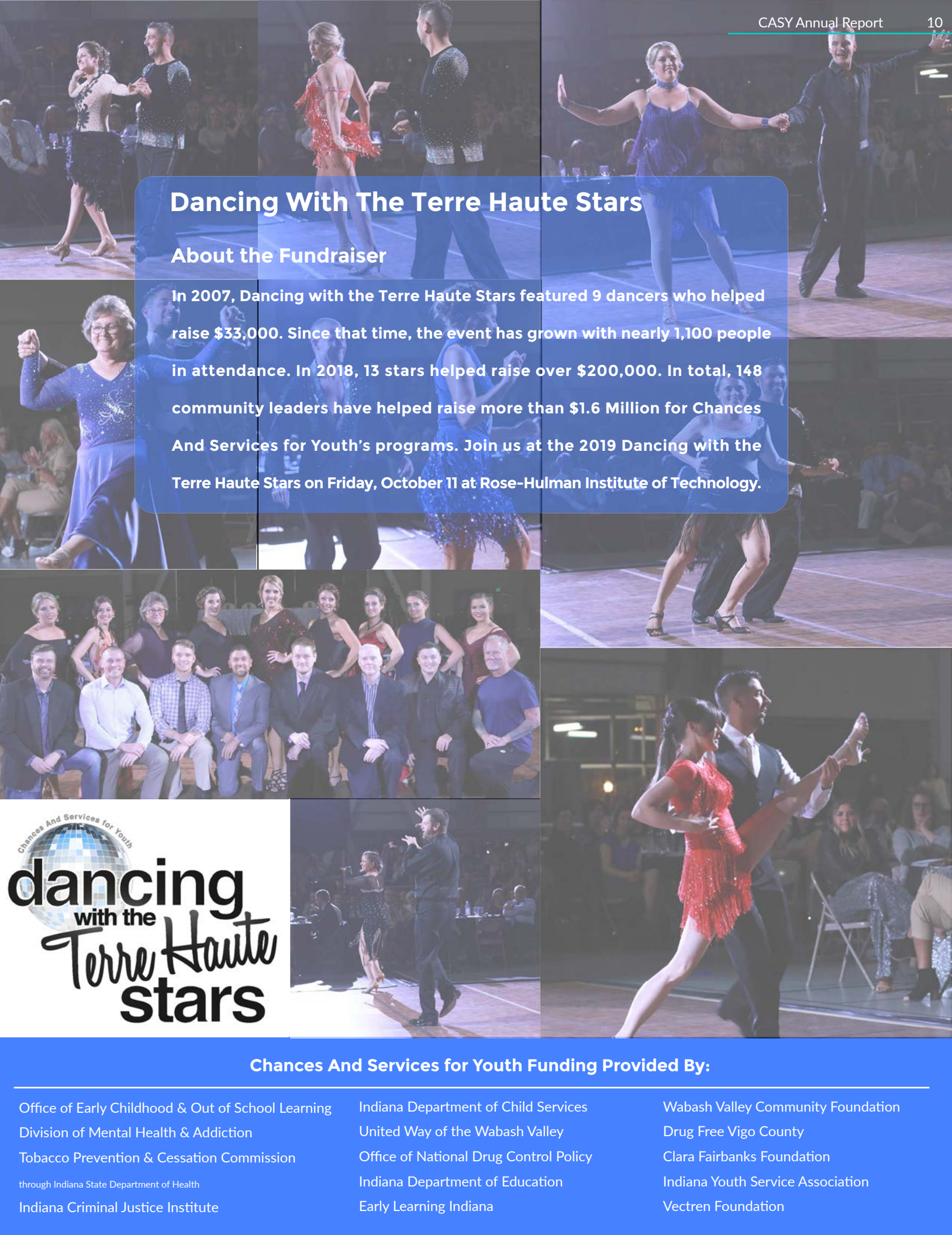
Educational and recreational activities include environmental discovery, arts, character development, literacy, and health and wellness. Children will benefit from supervised activities, homework help, games, character building lessons, and a free hot dinner. All of this is offered at no charge to the families.



## Dancing With The Terre Haute Stars

### About the Fundraiser

In 2007, Dancing with the Terre Haute Stars featured 9 dancers who helped raise \$33,000. Since that time, the event has grown with nearly 1,100 people in attendance. In 2018, 13 stars helped raise over \$200,000. In total, 148 community leaders have helped raise more than \$1.6 Million for Chances And Services for Youth's programs. Join us at the 2019 Dancing with the Terre Haute Stars on Friday, October 11 at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.



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34 STAFF

16 PROGRAMS

400+ VOLUNTEERS

8,000

CHILDREN  
LOVED IN 2018

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