

CHALK NEWSLETTER

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Street Elements



Street Elements of CHALK (Communities in Harmony Advocating for Learning and Kids) provides youth and their allies with information, support and resources through a print magazine called *Street Elements*. *Street Elements* gives youth an alternate way of expressing themselves; through writing, spoken word and visual art.

Visit our [website](#). You can now also post on our forums and [submit to our magazine](#).

Feedback

Youthline loves hearing your feedback and suggestions so we can improve our website for our visitors and youths.

Drop us an email!

Quote from our Youthline visitor:

I like about the website it is very informational and it is easy to understand for my little brothers to use. Keep doing ur thing YouthLine!

- Lawanda

Employees of the Month

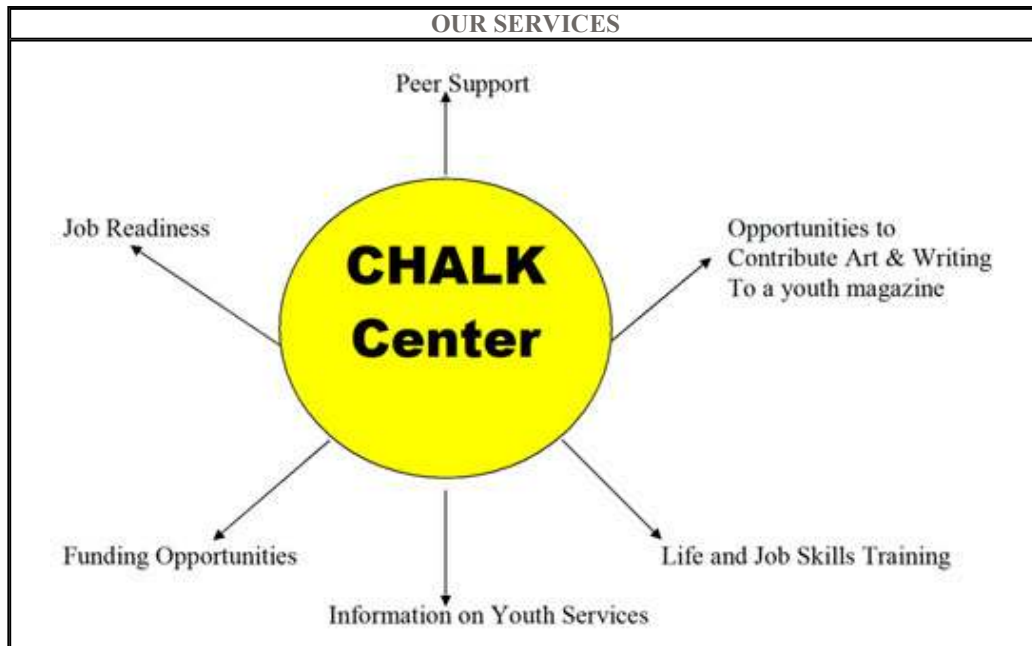
Please join in congratulating **Lisa Pennes** (YFYI Program Officer) for being our newest employees of the month.

Lisa is this month's employee of the month. It has been one year since YFYI hired new program officers and youth evaluators. In that time, Lisa has become an outstanding program officer. She is not only organized and diligent, she is compassionate and resourceful. Recently, Lisa took on responsibility as program officer for 10 new projects without any complaints because as she puts it "it's for the family...". Her dedication to YFYI is what makes YFYI a successful program.

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CHALK Centers

CHALK Centers are conducted in public schools, in partnership with school staff and/or service providers. CHALK Center services are provided by CHALK Outreach Department youth and adult staff. Services includes training and resource referral.



The following describes youth services available for youth who access a CHALK Center. Want more information about our CHALK centers? Contact [Marquez Gray](#).

Peer Support

The CHALK staff will utilize CHALK's Youthline Phone Line staff (a.k.a. listeners) to provide in person peer support and crisis intervention to students. Listeners will employ the 80+ hours of training received and experience gained providing similar services over the Youthline phone line.

Note: CHALK youth and adult staff are mandated reporters.

Job Readiness

CHALK staff will provide job information to students, assist in completing job applications, help with resume building and conduct interview practice. CHALK interviews several hundred youth a year when hiring, this expertise will be utilized supporting students with "Job Readiness".

Opportunities to Contribute Art & Writing to a Youth Magazine

CHALK will provide copies of the Youthline Publication, "Street Elements", to students. Students will be able to read about youth issues and positive solutions to such issues. Students will also be able to submit their art and writing to the magazine, as a means to provide an outlet to youth.

Funding Opportunities

CHALK runs a youth grant-making program called Youth Funding Youth Ideas (YFYI). YFYI funds youth led projects up to \$10,000 per grant. We are encouraging students to apply for funding to run youth led projects in their schools. Applying is youth friendly and CHALK staff will assist youth in applying for a grant.

Life and Job Skills Training

CHALK has its own curriculum on various topics, including: Public Speaking, Teambuilding, Active Listening (as a tool to communicate), Work Ethics and Professionalism, Grief and Loss and Graphic Design. Training is geared toward youth and based around the philosophy that youth can do well given the training and support. CHALK staff will facilitate monthly trainings for students.

Information on Youth Services

Utilizing CHALK's Youthline website www.youthline.org, an online database of San Francisco youth services, CHALK staff will provide students with information to services ranging from health services to job placement programs, support groups to art classes. Our goal is to bridge the gap from young people to available services of San Francisco.

Youth Funding Youth Ideas

YFYI is funding youth led projects of up to \$10,000 per project. Know a young person interested in getting funded for a project or interested in leading? We have applications in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Click [here](#) for our website! Our next deadline is December 1, 2006 @ 8 PM. If you have any questions, please contact [Andrea Juarez](#).

September highlighted projects are:

EigoManga

YFYI is excited about Eigo Manga's innovative idea for a youth-led project because of its unique approach to addressing teen issues. The adult ally, recruited 4 youth to create the project the storyline development, comic production and publishing and distribution strategies and analysis which they will learn as interns from him. The interview for this project was highly impressive. The youth of the project are excited to venture into creating a new market for comic books representative of the experiences and interests of today's youth, such as family issues, teen violence, social and political views from the perspective of the youth.

Mission Urban Arts Youth Advisory Board

The Mission Urban Arts Advisory Board is a project that will give youth an opportunity to become active members of decision making, planning and development of after school youth programs at the Cellspace. This project was submitted by immigrant youth as a monolingual application but does have a diverse group of youth with various language capabilities. YFYI feels that this project is a promising opportunity for an underrepresented group of young people to gain valuable and transferable job skills.