



The Center Stage

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Youth on the Move: Fall Highlights from The Center

This season, our community danced, dressed up, and showed up—again and again—for the future of our youth. From a sold-out concert at Alice's Champagne Palace, to a disco-lit costume bash at SPARC, to the launch of a new position shaping out-of-school programming across the region, it's clear that something exciting is taking root.

In this issue:

- Play It Forward raises over \$8,000 for the Teen Community Resource Center
- A new Youth Activities Network Coordinator joins our team to build lasting partnerships and programs
- Boogie Nights brings families together in full costume (and full confetti!) to connect with Youth Initiatives

Turn the page and celebrate the momentum. There's so much more to come—and we're just getting started.

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PLAY IT FORWARD!

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144 TICKETS SOLD = \$2160

EVENT SPONSORS = \$2525

NOT AUCTION = \$695

ONLINE DONATIONS = \$2400

DONATION BUCKET = \$258

**TOTAL DONATIONS FOR
THIS CAMPAIGN TO DATE = \$8038**





Play It Forward Brings the House Down- and Raises over \$8000 for a Teen Community Resource Center

On a crisp autumn evening, the doors of Alice's Champagne Palace opened to a sold-out crowd ready to dance, celebrate, and support a vital cause. The Play It Forward fundraiser, hosted by The Center, was a standing-room-only success—raising over \$8,000 toward the creation of a Teen Community Resource Center in Homer.

The night opened with a heartfelt performance by Madelynn Moore, whose original songs set the tone with warmth and authenticity. Next came The Tune Weavers, filling the room with rhythm and harmony that had toes tapping and spirits high. As tables were cleared and the dance floor opened, The Loathsome Doves brought the evening to a foot-stomping finale, with the crowd dancing shoulder to shoulder in a show of joyful solidarity.

It wasn't just a concert—it was a community gathering with purpose. Every ticket, every cheer, every song shared was a step toward building a place where teens in our region can feel safe, seen, and supported.

Thank you to the musicians, volunteers, donors, and everyone who made the night unforgettable. Together, we're playing it forward—and building something that will echo for years to come.

Strengthening Community Ties:

A New Role Supporting Youth Programming

The Center is proud to announce the creation of a new position: Youth Activities Network Coordinator—developed in collaboration with Planet Youth Homer and made possible with support from the Ravin Family Fund at the Homer Foundation.

The Youth Activities Network Coordinator is responsible for designing and supporting a network of comprehensive programs aimed at strengthening protective factors and reducing harmful risk-taking in local youth. This includes overseeing out-of-school programming, cultivating strong relationships with community partners, serving on youth-focused boards and committees, and supporting programmatic and operational grants in collaboration with an Advisory Panel. The position will serve young people from kindergarten through 12th grade across the greater Homer area.

This role is also an anchor for The Center's broader youth strategy, helping connect and expand programming already in motion. That includes the work of our Child, Adolescent, and Family Program, which served more than 120 clients ages 4 to 20 last fiscal year, and our elementary after-school programming, which currently offers 17 weekly classes reaching over 150 students. Both will serve as natural feeder programs into the upcoming teen-centered offerings housed in our future Teen Community Resource Center.



We're excited to welcome Sonja Kontra into this pivotal role. A recent arrival to Homer, Sonja brings years of experience in community engagement, movement-based instruction, and entrepreneurial initiative. Her work is already helping energize the calendar with inclusive events—like the recent Boogie Lights Disco—and creating space for future collaborations that reflect the community's growing desire for accessible, youth-centered activities.

This role reflects The Center's continued commitment to youth development, and we look forward to seeing how Sonja's coordination and creativity strengthen the landscape of opportunity for young people in our region.

August Anniversaries

- Jennifer Gibson - 2020
- Paul Eneboe - 2019
- Leeann Serio - 2013
- Lise Kirsis - 2006

October Anniversaries

- Drue Smith - 2022
- Kathie Baldwin - 2020
- Shane Kilcher - 2012
- Etta Toci - 2009

September Anniversaries

- Robin Daugherty - 2012
- Dan Del Missier - 2003

November Anniversaries

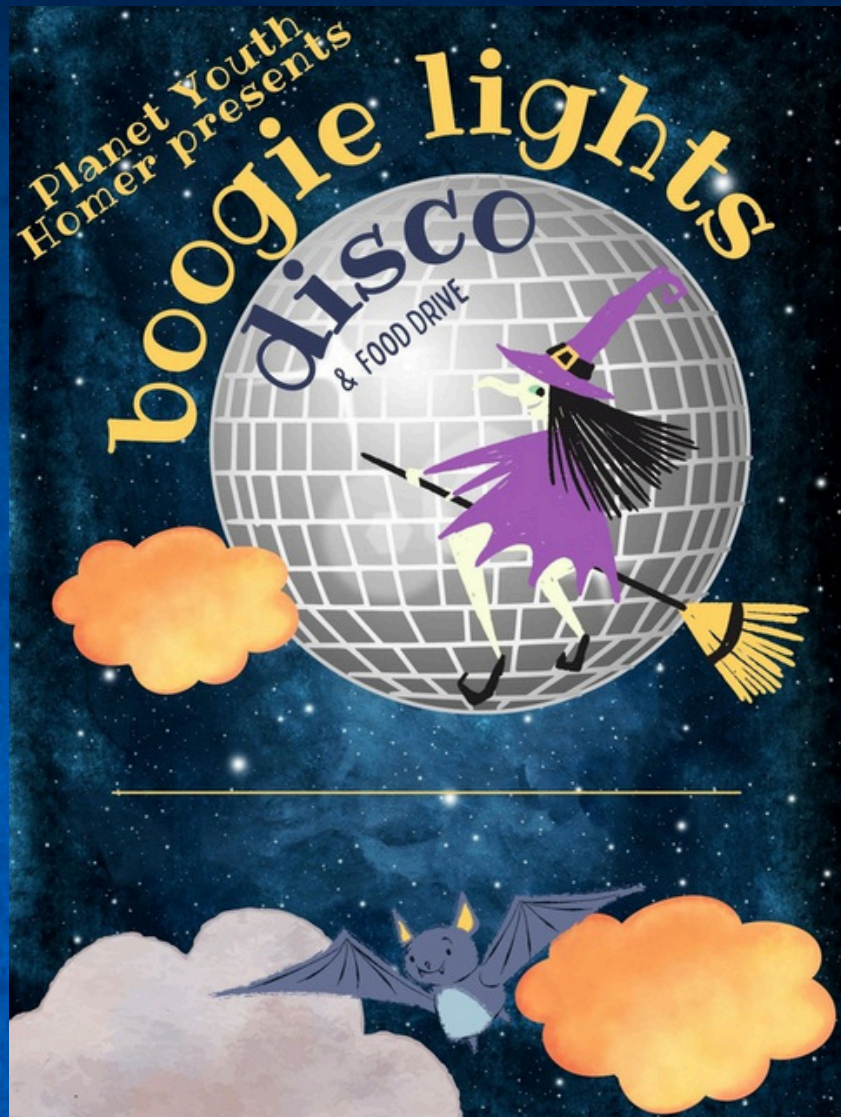
- Wendy Webster - 2024
- Marianthi Basdaras - 2024
- Juxia Scarpitta - 2014

Fall Staff Breakfast



Boogie Nights Delivers Fun, Costumes, and Connection

The SPARC building came alive with color, costumes, and confetti as Planet Youth and staff from The Center hosted Boogie Nights, a disco-themed celebration designed to bring families together and shine a light on our growing Youth Initiatives—especially the expanding After School Program.



Families were greeted with music, movement, and sparkle—alongside helpful information and welcoming faces from The Center’s youth programs team and representatives from Planet Youth. Guests of all ages enjoyed a lively costume contest, with categories for ages 0–3, 4–6, and 7–9, plus a photo booth, a confetti-erupting volcano, and 100 gift bags that delighted the youngest attendees.

More than just a party, Boogie Nights was a joyful invitation to connection—a way for families to experience firsthand the kind of safe, welcoming, and imaginative programming we’re creating for youth in our community. The energy in the room made it clear: Homer families are ready to dance, and we’re ready to build spaces where kids can thrive.

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Our Mission

The Center Partners with individuals, families, and communities to enhance the health, productivity, and social engagement by offering compassionate and evidenced-based services in the areas of developmental disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders.

Our Vision

A dynamic organization committed to outstanding care with and for communities, valuing integrity, and respect for all.

We Believe

- In the Individual's right to self-determination
- In the individual's right to be treated with dignity, kindness, and respect
- In innovative response to obstacles
- That cooperation is founded on respect, honesty, and forgiveness, as well as the opportunity to change
- In forging partnerships that create synergy within the community
- That diverse opinions enrich outcomes
- In collaboration, commitment, teamwork, and problem solving
- That integrity and personal responsibility are core to ethical behavior

SERVICES

The Center— Individual, group, couples, and family therapy. For children, young adults, and adults. SPBHS takes all insurance and offers a sliding scale for anyone without. Additionally, medication support, YHDP, ASAP services, case management, and our administrative offices are all housed at The Center.

Journeys— Adult mental health rehab services. Individual and group day support across multiple setting including in home, in the community, and at our Parkside Building. Case management, IPS, and other services are also available through Journeys.

Child and Family Services— Youth (ages 4-21) mental health rehab services are available for children and families across multiple settings including in home, in the community, in schools, and in our Center offices.

Pride— Child and adult Intellectual and Development Disability Services. For any individual with a State Waiver, we offer Day Hab, Supported Living, and Family Hab services across multiple settings in home, in the community and at our Parkside Building.

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