



Real Teens. Real Life. Real Results.

FACT SHEET

Mission

Wyman inspires and enables St. Louis teens from economically disadvantaged circumstances to lead successful lives and build strong communities.

Wyman does this by developing and delivering programs that enable teens to discover their strengths and develop their potential and leadership abilities – qualities that point to lifelong success. We put a premium on long-term, results-driven programs that work.

Real Teens

The choices teens make between the ages of 12 and 18 have an enormous impact on the rest of their lives.

Real Life

Wyman inspires and enables teens to develop the confidence and skills they need to break the cycle of poverty and achieve a lifetime of success. Our signature programs are delivered to teens from economically disadvantaged circumstances who otherwise wouldn't have access to such opportunities.

Real Results

Teens enrolled in Wyman's Teen Outreach Program (TOP) and Teen Leadership Program (TLP) show outstanding results:

- 100% of the 2007 class graduated from high school and are enrolling in college or trade school in the fall
- 100% of TOP teens participated in community service in 2006; 63% exceeded service hour goals
- 122 TLP teens logged a total of 4,847 service hours in 2006.
- Teens report high levels of guidance and emotional support from staff

Signature Programs

Wyman Teen Leadership Program. Our Teen Leadership Program is based upon the principles of positive youth development. It is a five-year, year-round program through which teens engage in community volunteerism; a 28-day residential in-camp experience each summer for three years; a two-week out-of-state adventure trip; college tours; and tight integration and cooperation with family, school and community. Teens gain the experiences, skills and values needed to prepare to act as contributing students, family members, employees and citizens.

Wyman Teen Outreach Program® (TOP). This national after-school program for teens has been in operation for more than 20 years. The Brookings Institute reports that a \$1.00 investment in TOP produces a return of \$1.27 to the community. TOP teens meet weekly throughout the school year and participate in regular community volunteerism and neighborhood improvement projects.

Wyman/Lions Mane Event. In partnership with area Lions Clubs, Mane Event provides free outdoor education programs for pre-teens in middle schools across the St. Louis community. Fifth and sixth graders engage in a variety of team-building, living history and adventure education programs aimed at building leadership, social and academic skills.

Wyman Outdoor Education/School Camps. For more than 50 years, Wyman has hosted school camp programs including outdoor adventure, science and environmental education, and team-building activities. Wyman works with teachers and students from more than 30 area school districts who participate in programs lasting from one day to one week. Net revenue earned from this work supports our mission work as well.

Wyman Adult Programs. Wyman is located in a beautifully wooded, 250-acre valley just 30 minutes west of St. Louis in the Eureka/Wildwood area. We have extensive experience hosting Retreats, Corporate Team Building, Organizational Development, meetings, family reunions, holiday parties, wedding receptions and youth group outings to meet your groups' needs and expectations. Full day and overnight accommodations are available. Net revenue earned from this work supports our mission work as well.

Wyman Institute

The **Wyman Institute for Youth Development** builds the capacity of youth workers and youth serving organizations to consistently deliver programs and services that prepare young people to lead successful lives and build strong communities. The knowledge and experience of the Wyman Institute staff represents more than a century of expertise in youth work, youth development and leadership programs that get results. The Wyman Institute puts into practice the leading theories on effective youth development and leadership methods. Contact us to learn more.

History

Wyman has a rich history in St. Louis. Founded in 1898 by a group of prominent St. Louis citizens, their purpose was to provide children living in sweltering tenements with fresh air, good food and healthy outdoor activities. They believed that these surroundings and experiences would positively impact the children's character, values and outlook on life.

Future

In the coming years Wyman plans to:

- Expand five-fold the number of St. Louis teens from economically disadvantaged circumstances who participate in our long-term, results-focused programs
- Build our endowments to ensure that our services are always available for teens in the St. Louis region
- Build a state-of-the-art campus, including renovating our existing structures, to offer teens access to high-quality adult relationships and hands-on lessons in leadership, entrepreneurship, science and the arts on a year-round basis
- Enhance the education of thousands of local youth of all backgrounds through year-round science, civics and leadership programs.
- Expand our community partnerships with corporations, foundations, school districts, families and individuals who also contribute toward the development of teens in our programs
- Continue our historic partnerships with St. Louis **Kiwanis Clubs**, **Lions Clubs** and the **United Way of Greater St. Louis** with whom we work to further benefit youth in need in our community

Get Involved

For more information about Wyman or to donate or volunteer, please contact us at (636) 938-5245, or visit www.wymancenter.org