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### **Board Chairman's Summary of 2009 Annual Report**

The Youth Village Foundation ("Foundation") continues its quest to provide the necessary resources for the young men of Dallas County Youth Village and Lyle B. Medlock Youth Treatment Center through established programs and that will aid them in succeeding in a challenging world while continuing to build a more solid management infrastructure.

I want to thank the executive director, board of directors, executive team, advisors, volunteers, mentors, and committee chairs for your hard work and services of the foundation. I want to also thank our donors, sponsors, supporters, and funders for believing in the Youth Village Foundation (YVF). Without your involvement, we would not have realized how we have helped change the lives of young men. I am most appreciative of the entire YVF family! I humbly thank the executive team's mentors, Scott Chase, David Miller, Richard Bernstein, and Lynn Thorby of DSVP for their help in shaping the foundation as it continues to make its presence known in Dallas County.

Over the past year, the foundation continued to grow in management, leadership, development, membership, programs, projects, and understanding of its purpose and how decisions made by the board of directors actually affects the young men and their families directly. I am very well pleased with the accomplishments that has taken place through joint partnerships with the Dallas County Juvenile Department (DCJD), Dallas County Youth Village (DCYV), Lyle B. Medlock Youth Treatment Center (MYTC), Dallas Social Venture Partners (DSVP), and a host of supporters for the foundation and its programs.

Our successes continued by inviting Dallas County Juvenile Court Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon to perform a board "Swearing-In" ceremony where she will challenged officers, volunteers, advisors, and board of directors in the upholding of their duties while serving in their respective capacity. Afterwards, membership certificates along with membership handbooks were presented to board members. The membership committee prepared our first membership handbook that included information about the foundation, membership, policies, and board expectations. The board also joined together and financially contributed as well as sponsored the Holiday Program for the young men of DCYV and MYTC during the Christmas holiday season. The young men at both facilities expressed sincere gratitude. We continue to maintain our membership above the minimum level as outlined in our bylaws and the board of directors continues to meet its annual financial commitment. The membership committee worked in partnership with DCJD to purchase volunteer software to be used county-wide by Dallas County volunteers to be able to



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log and track their time and tasks on line. The funds were personal donations raised by YVF members. Board policies were put in place, including expenditure, whistle-blowing, anti-discrimination, conflict of interest, harassment, and standards of excellence.

The board reviewed and approved the 2009 proposed budget with minor changes and participated in the performance evaluation of its executive director. The board funded the GED testing for several young men who've successfully received their GED. The foundation received several grants to fund all of our programs with the most dedicated towards Project S.A.V.E. and the relaunching of the PREP programs. The PREP program was relaunched specifically due to donations from the Speedway Childrens Charities, Stemmons Foundation, Rees-Jones Foundation, and several individual donors that yielded over \$67,700 in grants. DSVP presented the foundation with a \$30,000 unrestricted grant to use towards general operations. In addition, they have offered to mentor the executive committee and the executive director for improved organization management and leadership. The First Unitarian Church of Dallas and BestBuy along with individual donors collected over \$10,000 for the Project S.A.V.E. program.

Our Marketing & Communications committee has also shown dedication to the mission of the foundation through the release of the foundation's first quarterly e-Newsletter. The committee has also completed a Style Manual, the set up of the BaseCamp on-line file sharing portal for board projects, tasks settings, and improved communications; the development of the high level marketing brochure in conjunction with Deloitte Consulting who help with guiding the marketing committee and membership committee in its marketing collaterals and membership recognition programs.

The foundation will engage in its changing of officers during the annual board meeting as recommended by the Nomination Committee. This committee spent the summer searching for qualified candidates to consider executive positions with the foundation and drafted up nomination processes and procedures to be used for future elections.

Finally, the executive committee has secured an organization to assist with preparing external audit, setting up QuickBooks, creating desktop policies and procedures, and providing a bookkeeper for ongoing accounting maintenance and monthly reports to be used for grant writing and as well as board review.

Again, thanks goes out to everyone who helped move the foundation to its new level. More specifically, we thank our executive director for driving the programs to its level of success and for his passion in meeting the needs of our young men.



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Overall, the foundation has elevated itself to a higher level of services. All board members should be proud of the fact that we did change lives through our passionate dedication and commitment to make a difference in the lives of young men. We can feel the growth and we are confident that we are functioning well within the mission of the foundation. We look forward to the year 2010 where we will continue the growth and success through collaborative efforts with our partners, donors, sponsors, and supporters while continuing to “change the lives of young men in a challenging world”.

Patrick Collier  
President