

BYILD'S SECOND YEAR: OCT 2014 THRU SEPT 2015

BYILD's second full year of operation, from October 2014 through September 2015, was a busy one. BYILD offered 12 Life Skills Classes and 11 Small Groups for youth in the program. Among the many topics included in the curriculum during this year: a two-part program on Finance and Budgeting, a two-part program on Human Sexuality, and a two-part program on Active Listening and Interpersonal Communication Skills.



In addition, BYILD held a Spring Field Trip to Conservation Park, spending a beautiful Saturday in May exploring the trails and enjoying the park's natural beauty and wildlife. During the course of the day, we had a picnic in the pavilion and went on a hayride around the park to view longleaf pines and the park's outlying area.

On the last weekend of August, BYILD held its Fall Field Trip. A generous UU family hosted a



day at the Grand Lagoon, complete with watersports. We swam, kayaked, paddle-boarded, and cruised up and down the lagoon waters in a pontoon boat. A picnic and dancing afterwards were included in a great day for the BYILD program.



In addition to the many hours donated during the December 2014 holiday season, including baking and decorating cookies, selling cookies to raise funds for gifts residents, and caroling at Bay Center (nursing home), the program volunteers donated more than 600 hours of their \$2,000 in food and materials to the program.



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The BYILD program concluded its second year with the honor of being nominated by the Children's Home Society for the "Champion of Hope" Award, presented to outstanding faith-based organizations for best practices, initiatives and innovations. BYILD was recognized as a Finalist at the National Faith Symposium in Orlando Florida in September 2015.

