



Dear ***NAME HERE***,

We would like to personally invite you to the Acts4Youth Benefit Dinner and Speaker Series on May 26, 2016, at Loyola University Maryland. Acts4Youth is a nonprofit organization that serves the at-risk youth from Guilford and Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle Schools in Baltimore. Its mission is to nurture these children's personal, social and spiritual development through after-school programming. These programs provide communities the necessary support to equip at-risk youth to make successful progression through middle school, high school and, ultimately, adulthood.

This year's event will feature speaker Kurt Schmoke, former mayor of Baltimore City and current president of the University of Baltimore.

Acts4Youth continues to nurture a close connection with Loyola, which has generously offered service-learning and sporting event opportunities. For example, in Spring 2012, former men's basketball coach Jim Patsos gave Acts4Youth students a tour of Loyola's athletic facilities. Now, Acts4Youth seeks to expand its relationship with the Loyola community even more. We invite you to attend the banquet to learn more about Acts4Youth and how you and the ***department name here*** can further work with Acts4Youth. As an institution that values being men and women for and with others, Loyola holds unique privilege in lifting those within its reach. Please, consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to further mentor children in our immediate neighborhood.

Please, contact us if you would like further information about the organization and banquet. We hope you will attend and get involved with Acts4Youth! Reasons as to why you should consider follow in testimonials from volunteers.

Sincerely,

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“Acts4Youth has been a great partner with Loyola. The staff there has provided solid opportunities for Loyola students to get to know the A4Y students in a thoughtfully structured, friendly environment. One of the hallmarks of our partnership is that A4Y asks Loyola for quality over quantity in recruiting volunteers: identifying a volunteer or service-learner who is truly engaged with the kids and interested in the activity at hand goes a long way toward supporting the A4Y program.” ~ Kate Figiel-Miller, assistant director of service-learning in CCSJ

“Acts4Youth is an inspired and inspiring program. I have worked with Kevin Good and Acts4Youth for six years, and it’s been my privilege to watch this program mature and expand. Generations will feel the positive impact Kevin Good’s leadership has had and is having, as at-risk youth continue to learn how to channel their talents to improve themselves, their families and their communities. In my opinion, Baltimore is B’ing-more, largely because of incredible programs like Acts4Youth.” ~ Dr. Tania Cantrell Rosas-Moreno, associate professor, Loyola’s Department of Communication

“As a volunteer with Acts4Youth over the past two years, I have loved being a part of the Acts4Youth community. As a part of the Shine Program this year (the girl's program of Acts4Youth), I have been able to have meaningful conversations with the girls over a dinner and hear about the ways that their experiences in their lives have shaped their interactions with others. The conversations about family, school, identity, and faith have all been instrumental to not only the girl's growth but mine as well.” ~ Theda Tann '16, student service coordinator for Acts4Youth

“During this year, I served as a mentor and volunteer at Acts4Youth. I believe it has brought me to better appreciate experiences. Unlike other service sites, I was able to learn about the girls' educational life, as well as, their personal and spiritual life. This is essential because we can make connections of how their home life influences behavior in school, as well as their motivations. For future years, it would be cool and beneficial if the girls could come to Loyola as a field trip to introduce them to a college atmosphere. I have enjoyed my time with the girl's, and I will definitely return next semester.” ~ Manal Arma, student volunteer