



# LaPorte County Coalition Of Youth-Serving Agencies

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- *Hey U.G.L.Y*
- *Hours for Ours*
- *Imagination Station*
- *LaPorte YMCA*
- *Leadership LaPorte County*
- *Lubeznik Center for the Arts*
- *Michigan City Boys & Girls Club*
- *Michigan City Housing Authority*
- *Michigan City Mayor's Office*
- *Michigan City Parks & Rec*
- *Michigan City Public Library*
- *North Central Community Action Agency*
- *Purdue North Central College Bound Program*
- *Safe Harbor*
- *Swanson Center*
- *Youth Service Bureau*

## Laporte County Coalition of Youth Serving Agencies hosts *The Delicious Delectables of LaPorte County*

**Michigan City, IN.** (October 7, 2008) Delicious Delectables is a fundraising event for the not-for-profit LaPorte County Coalition of Youth Serving Agencies (YSA) ([www.laportecountyysa.com](http://www.laportecountyysa.com)). The coalition of nineteen agencies provides out of school and/or summer time services to youth of all ages in LaPorte County. The event will be on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Lubeznik Center for The Arts**.

The participating restaurants include Sahara, Great Lakes Catering, Duneland Beach Inn, Café Elite, Decoys, and McGinnis Pub. These restaurants/caterers are presenting a selection of their fine cuisine for the patrons to sample. Tickets are \$10 per person. A cash bar will be available, so children should not attend.

The music for Delicious Delectables will be provided by Debra Sawyer who plays the harp. She is not only creative musically, but also a talented artist and educator.

### Raffle Baskets will be available at this event:

- An anonymous donor for Safe Harbor is making a 7-day vacation to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico ( does not include air fare or meals) . This Winter Get Away basket has a value of \$1500.
- Safe Harbor also provided a Fire Safety Basket with a value of \$175. These items (which were donated by Firefighter's Local #475) include Smoke/fire detector, carbon monoxide detector, fire extinguisher, window escape ladder, Local #475 t-shirts, hat, insulated coffee mug, misc. stickers, erasers, pencils, booklets, child firefighter helmets, etc. (Donor- Firefighter's Local #475)
- JK Enterprises has donated a Wine Basket with three bottles of wine, two wall plaques and a cutting board that are wine-themed, a wine-bottle opener, napkins and other goodies. The basket is valued at \$90.
- The Michigan City Mainstreet Association donated a Mainstreet basket which includes a wheeled cooler, a USB flash-drive, gift certificates to shopping and restaurants, tickets to Barker Mansion's Christmas Tour, snacks from Harry & David's and more. The Mainstreet basket is valued at \$185.
- Hey UGLY, Inc. – Unique Gifted Lovable You put together a Stress Relieving basket overflowing with an array of relaxing gifts including an excellent bottle of wine from The Acorn Theatre's Wine Shop; calming massages from some of Laporte County's most talented masseuse practitioners including Judy Dean, Christina Dougherty, Brian Manuele, Mary Friddle, Laura Lee Sikorski: Chocolate & Chuckles featuring Paul Newman's Own Dark Chocolate & Hey UGLY's Laughtercising™ CD; and tickets for two to an upcoming comedy at the Acorn Theatre in Three Oaks, MI. The value for this basket is \$545.
- The Michigan City Public Library put together the two food for thought baskets. The adult version includes the books "The Last Lecture" and "Maigret Mystery", a blanket, cheese cake bites, truffles, peanuts, Twinings Teas, a coffee mug and a flashlight. The kids basket contains 3 books, popcorn, gummy bears, hot chocolate, a Winnie-The- Pooh stuffed animal, fruit juice, and a flashlight. These baskets are worth \$75 each.

- Mc Donald's Restaurant of Michigan City gave a certificate for a Happy Meal Birthday for up to 10 children. The party includes a Happy Meal for each child, cake and ice cream, and 2 hours with the hostess and games.
- The Lubeznik Center for the Arts arranged for an Artsy Instruction basket. The winner of this basket will have two hours of instruction with three artists. They are Danielle Engwert, a gifted weaver, Susan Henshaw, a talented pastel artist, and Neil Kienitz, creative watercolor painter. The value of this opportunity is \$150.
- The "Be an Artsy Assistant" basket allows a person the chance to be an assistant for Deborah Landry, a ceramicist for a day. This arrangement was made by the Lubeznik Center for the Arts and is worth at least \$90.
- LaPorte Leadership put together the Fall into Spring basket. The flower bulbs and garden tools have a value of \$25.
- Hours for Ours coordinated a Hair Care product basket from Image House. The items were selected and donated by David Wilkes.
- Swanson Center's Afternoon ROCKS Program donated a Jeweled Backpack containing a Genuine Stone Bracelet with diamond accent (18K Gold over Sterling Silver) \$80.00 Value, two Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Indiana Backpacks filled with school supplies and other fun stuff for your favorite student \$20.00 Value Ea, two Dr Seuss Hop on Pop Bears \$5.00 Value Ea., Two Kung Fu Panda stuffed Character \$5.00 Value Ea, two Kung Fu Panda books \$5.00 Value Ea and Ready, Set Listen Board Game- Underage alcohol prevention for youth ages 9 to 13 and their parents/caregivers. \$\$\$ Priceless.
- Their "Ode to Sunshine" basket contains 12 Afternoons R.O.C.K. in Indiana Backpacks filled with Soulful Summer CD (Hot all-star R&B classics!) \$5.00 Value Ea., 2 oz. SPF 30 Sunblock \$3.00 Value Ea., and Stainless Steel Mug \$7.00 Value Ea.
- Purdue University North Central's College Bound Program has a basket full of PNC premiums for someone to enjoy, and another wonderful Hair Care basket.

**Enjoy the Delicious Delectables from these great restaurants and caterers:**

Sahara restaurant ([www.sahara-restaurant.net](http://www.sahara-restaurant.net)) is dedicated to providing memorable service in a casual surrounding. The intention is to provide an eclectic experience with food from the Middle East and the surrounding cuisine, at the same time to increase awareness and concern regarding health and nutrition, serving tasty, healthy plates. According to the Post Tribune: "The Sahara Desert does not reach Lebanon or even Michigan City. But its distant, exotic aura permeates the food, ambiance and feel of this oasis of Mediterranean cuisine. Sahara is a handsomely appointed restaurant with blood orange-painted walls, exposed brick walls and an antique molded tin ceiling painted yellow and beautiful framed photos. Potted palms complete the transformation. What looks like a glass garage door opens up the room to the refreshing spring air. Sitting inside Sahara, it's easy to imagine being transported to a suburban Beirut hilltop restaurant overlooking the ancient seaport dating back nearly four millennia, particularly as Greek and Arab music plays over the sound system of this intimate eatery. Sahara is a tapas-style restaurant with small plates of exquisite dishes, hot and cold appetizers prepared with exotic spices and unusual herbs both delicious and memorable. It's a Mediterranean-style of dining familiar to the warm-weather people of that neck of the world, a style conducive to conversational eating at a casual pace and sampling a wide selection of foods, not being confined to an entree's restricted companions." Lunch is served Tuesdays through Friday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Dinner can be enjoyed Tuesdays through Sundays starting at 4:00pm. Sahara is located at 1701 Franklin Street, Michigan City. The phone number is 219-871-1223. Call Moe Mroeh for a reservation or email him at [moe@sahara-restaurant.net](mailto:moe@sahara-restaurant.net).

**Great Lakes Catering** offers a menu made with only the finest ingredients. Each item is hand prepared by either Edward Kis (father) or Matthew Kis (son). They have over 75 combined years in the hospitality industry. Through their extensive experience in the operations and planning of banquets and special events, they will ensure your event is a success! From meetings, company picnics, corporate celebrations to wedding receptions, golf outings, black tie galas and celebrity fundraisers, Great Lakes Catering & Special Events can help. Edward and Matt Kis offer a full range of services from catered food and beverages, hall rental assistance, flowers, DJ's, bands, themed parties, tents, tables, chairs, **WHATEVER YOUR HEART DESIRES!** You may contact them at [info@greatlakescatering.com](mailto:info@greatlakescatering.com), 219-898-1501, or 219-874-3647 for more info. Another hometown Kis business is Top Dog at 701 Washington St. Michigan City. You can stop by for an exceptional hotdogs and chili to name two of their fine items. Their phone number is 219-874-3647.

**Duneland Beach Inn** ([www.dunelandbeach.com](http://www.dunelandbeach.com)) is nestled in a private wooded community on Lake Michigan. The rooms have themes like Captain's Quarters, Betty Ann's Gazebo, Beach Glass, Jo's Sunset, Tally Ho and Woodland View. The Dining room seats guest who enjoy appetizers like Chesapeake Bay Oysters, Calamari Fritti and California Rolls. Some of the entrees include planked Whitefish, Norwegian Salmon and New Zealand Rack of Lamb. This grand establishment is owned by Annette Corbette and Lisa Streckfus. Duneland Beach Inn is located at 3311 Pottawattomie Trail, Michigan City. The phone number is 219-874-7729.

**Café Elite** Chef Mark Kolasa paid his dues – although some say he's too young to have paid! Chef Mark has worked in the restaurant business and every job therein since graduating from the Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago. Chef Mark helped open several restaurants for others when he decided it was time to open his own. He chose Michigan City because there was no restaurant here like the one he would create. Finding the charming 1880's house where Café Elite is located assured Mark he had made the right decision. Located near Lighthouse Place Outlet Mall, in a part of Michigan City that sorely lacked quality gastronomical choices, Café Elite & Catering opened in April of 2003. Café Elite customers also know and appreciate Amanda Kosek. As Manager of Operations for the restaurant, she makes sure every diner's experience is a pure delight. She and Mark work well together and share the same commitment to quality -- from the food, to the atmosphere, to the impeccable service each and every guest experiences. Hours are 11-3 Sundays and Tuesdays, 11-8 Wednesday and Thursday, 11-9 Friday and Saturday. Phone is 873-1788

**Holy Macaroni Cafe & PizzAria** has come a long way since our beginning as a carry-out only establishment. After extensive remodeling, owners Randy Duncan and Dan Wright welcomed their first dine-in customers to the all new dining room in March, 2003. Since then, further additions were made to the dining area and kitchen, and **Holy Macaroni** is proud to have recently celebrated their fifth year in business. Along with the changes made to the restaurant building, our menu and hours have expanded as well. We now offer a variety of items for our Tuesday - Saturday lunch and dinner. In addition to pizza, calzones and Italian sandwiches we also serve delicious pasta and homemade desserts. Our mission is to offer fresh and delicious dishes at reasonable prices, complimented by impeccable service in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Holy Macaroni's Dan Wright now serves as Executive Chef and Manager, plus we've added a professionally trained chef: Maggie Grivetti. Maggie has twenty years of experience in the culinary industry and attended the Culinary and Hospitality Institute of Chicago. Customers are raving about the delectable dishes these two great chefs create each and every day. Holy Macaroni Café & PizzAria is located at 4318 West US Highway 20, LaPorte, IN Hours are: (Lunch & Dinner Tuesday - Saturday) Tuesday thru Thursday: 11am - 9pm, Friday thru Saturday: 11am - 10pm, Sunday: Closed. Phone: (219) 872-3046 or [info@holymacaronicafe.com](mailto:info@holymacaronicafe.com)

At **Stop 50 Wood Fired Pizzeria** we are passionate about bringing a unique, authentic gathering place to the community focused on providing powerful, rich foods, born from simple, fresh ingredients; prepared using 168 year old traditions and served in minutes 4,864 miles from their birthplace, Naples Italy. We want a gathering place for families and their friends. A place to meet and relax, enjoy one another's company while experiencing this fine food with a story to tell, Authentic Wood Fired Pizza and uncompromising Fresh Food. Location: 500 S. El Portal Michiana Shores, IN Phone: 219-879-8777

At **McGINNIS PUB both our restaurant and our cuisine have rich histories...**This beautiful home, built in 1887, was originally home to one of the Superintendents at the Barker Railroad Company. We have restored the home to much of its original beauty. We were able to retain most of the original woodwork including the pocket doors and the original wood flooring. The Pub offers a full service bar and lunch and dinner menus. Our menu offers Irish and American fare. Our Irish items include Guinness Stew, Sheppard's Pie, The Dublin Lawyer, Bangers and Mash, Toasteds and Fish and Chips. We also offer many American dishes, including burgers, chicken sandwiches, steaks, chicken entrees. We also have an assortment of Irish and American appetizers. McGinnis Pub is located at 227 West 7th Street, Michigan City, IN Phone: (219)872-8200 or [info@mcginnispub.com](mailto:info@mcginnispub.com)

**Decoys Bar & Grill**—We specialize in delicious and reasonably priced cuisine, including our house specialties and other customer favorites. Our cuisine entrees are served in a relaxed and welcoming setting that you and your friends and family are sure to enjoy. Whether you are in the mood to indulge in something new or just want to enjoy some old favorites, we promise that our inventive menu and attentive service will leave you truly satisfied. No matter what your occasion calls for or your appetite demands, the friendly staff at Decoys Neighborhood Bar & Grill promise to make your next dining experience a pleasant one. Decoys Bar and Grill is located at 1729 E Us Highway 20, Michigan City, IN 46360 Hours: Monday – Sunday 11:00am – 10:00pm Phone: (219) 878-9556

The goal of the event is to generate financial support for the **YSA** to continue to provide training for youth workers in each YSA agency, provide transportation cost and insurance for two YSA buses, and to promote the gifted restaurateurs/caterers in LaPorte County.

Sixty-four percent of the Michigan City Area School elementary students and 40% of the LaPorte elementary school students are on free and reduced lunches. According to the Discovery Alliance, 42% of the individuals in Laporte County have a literacy rate of level 1 and 2. This means they can read street signs and sign their name. Our community has unmet needs, and YSA is working toward providing the services to meet those needs.

Hundreds of underserved children and families find enrichment experiences through these YSA organizations: Safe Harbor after-school program, Hours for Ours school-based mentoring, Imagination Station, M. C. Housing Authority, North Central Action Agency, Boys & Girls Club, M. C. Parks & Recreation, LaPorte YMCA, PNC College Bound, M.C. Public Library, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Youth Serving Bureau, Voyager Program, Swanson Center, Leadership LaPorte County, Junior Achievement, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The **YSA** supplements the imaginations of these students with trained staffs in safe environments. Although the YSA just received its 501 3C status, the group has been collaborating for five years and is a Champion of the Indiana Afterschool Network.

Your support and donation for this event will positively impact these deserving students and their families that depend on the services provided by these agencies. For more information or tickets contact Edwin Shelton at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts at 219-874-4900.

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