

Success Coaching News

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We have both success to report and new adventures to share.

First, a heartfelt note of thanks to the many who made our fall direct mail appeal a success. The 24% response rate demonstrates the high level of support felt for TPC's important coaching work with teens.

Success Story: Read below about the new TPC Coaching Office! It's a winner and a new way for TPC to provide cost-effective just-in-time coaching to teens.

What else is cooking? While we continue our R&D investment at Amphi High School, we're also reaching out into our community. We are in conversations with two very different kinds of high schools. Both want coaching programs. Conversations are also beginning anew at the

university level.

Our other focus: Fund raising. What a time we picked to start a new nonprofit! Yet, an essential time to provide students support. And, a perfect time to provide community volunteers a meaningful way to support students and our struggling schools. Please read another success story in this issue. Know that coaching is working and with each donation you make a lasting impact.

With enthusiasm and gratitude, *Joan Martin, TPC Executive Director*

Touch Point Connection's Mission

To bring the power of coaching to teens and young adults to support high school graduation, higher education and readiness for success in life and work.

Coaching Office Open on Campus for Just-in-Time Coaching!

The new TPC Coaching Office is imbedded in Amphi High School.

During 30-minute just-in-time appointments, students sort their choices, put their feet back on the ground and their focus back into their studies.

The Coaching Office is available to students who:

- Have pressing issues and want to talk to a coach quickly;
- Have a need that can be addressed in a few coaching sessions;
- Want to try coaching before signing up for their own personal coach;

Or, would benefit from working with the Coaching Office before

What Teens Say About the Coaching Office

"I like how they help me think of multiple solutions."

"I can speak more about what's on my mind."



"It makes me think of things differently."

"I see now that more opportunities are open to me if I do not close them with decisions I make."

"Coaching has helped me become more outgoing and to develop trust."

Personal Transformation: A Peek Inside a Coaching Experience

A year ago Ilse felt she was wasting time, lacking focus or goals, and yearning for self-confidence to lead a successful future. Midway through her sophomore year, Ilse discovered TPC's Success Coaching program.

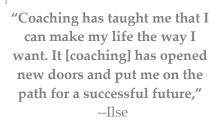
Ilse and her coach, Lorri, commenced their weekly coaching meetings in February 2010. Together, they developed a coaching relationship based on trust, respect, and positive energy. With Lorri's

non-judgmental support and guidance, Ilse's eyes were opened to a new way of living, revolving around setting and achieving goals.

Today, Ilse is a hardworking and ambitious high school junior who spends her free time volunteering, exercising, and participating in public speaking events. These robust experiences are helping reveal Ilse's formerly "hidden" self-confidence. In fact, she credits her new sense of self-assurance for her improving grades. "Now I'm not afraid to speak up and ask questions during class," says Ilse. This same confidence is inspiring a fresh perspective on her future as she explores possible career and college options.

As a coach, Lorri is proud of Ilse for evaluating what is or isn't working in her life and coming up

with solutions for reaching her goals.





"Touch Point is there to help me and support all of my goals."



"The Touch Point program helped me communicate more with my teachers. TPC also helped me get a summer class to get college credits. I enjoyed being in the TPC and would like to continue next year!"



"I never thought it would be so helpful to have an adult in my life who I could trust and didn't judge me. I'm eternally grateful for being in the Touch Point program."

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