



*Would YOU like to better OUR community?  
Get Involved!!!*

### **What is Year of the Child?**

Year of the Child 2008 has been adopted to create awareness and recognition of programs, events, and issues related to children and their families in Morgantown, WV. It is a perfect opportunity for local businesses, agencies, public officials, and other community members to come together to make one of the best small cities in the country one of the best small cities for children and families!

### **How Can You or Your Business Get Involved?**

- Sponsor a family event throughout the year.
- Offer job shadowing for adolescents at your business.
- Become a sponsor of a local childcare center or another child-related agency by providing financial contributions, supporting training programs, and/or upgrading facilities and equipment.
- Dedicate a day where parents can bring their children to work.
- Encourage employees to volunteer for Year of the Child events or for a local agency that provides services for children and their families.
- Help advertise local events, children's health care information, local children's programs, and other activities related to children.
- Help keep local parks and green spaces clean and safe for our community's children.
- Encourage your staff to volunteer at local schools, childcare centers, and other agencies and offer them paid time off or other incentives to do this.
- Offer part-time summer work for adolescents at your business.
- Volunteer to speak at elementary, middle, and high schools regarding your business, career successes, and/or academic experience.
- Place a box for donations of food, toiletries, clothing, and/or toys at your business to help our local food pantries and childcare centers
- Take the time to be educated about children's issues in Morgantown by joining a committee on children and family issues.
- Be a mentor for a child in need by volunteering at a local youth center. Just Google Morgantown Social Services and find a place that interests you.
- Give your used clothing, furniture and toys for use by a needy family.
- Write a letter to the editor addressing children issues.
- Send an e-mail to your elected officials by visiting [www.legis.state.wv.us](http://www.legis.state.wv.us) or <http://www.morgantown.com/council.htm> to write to Morgantown City Council.
- Join an action E-list at [www.preventchildabusewv.org](http://www.preventchildabusewv.org).
- Provide a nurturing home for your own children.

**Perhaps your or your business already does some of the ideas mentioned above or is family-friendly in another way. If so, please let us know so we can showcase you or your business during Year of the Child.**

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