

Georgetown student selected for internship

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Jessica Foster of Georgetown, Ind., was selected for an internship at Youth Villages, a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and families live successfully. This is Foster's second time to participate in Youth Villages' summer internship program.

Youth Villages provides a wide variety of programs to help children who may have suffered abuse or neglect, or who may have emotional and behavioral issues. Foster is interning at Youth Villages' Dogwood Campus, helping children in residential treatment learn more positive behavior patterns and deal with past trauma.

Foster is a senior at Indiana University. She is double majoring in psychology and Spanish and plans to pursue a doctorate degree in psychology. Foster is a graduate of Floyd Central High School.

Headquartered in Memphis, Youth Villages this year will help more than 20,000 children and families in 11 states and Washington, D.C., through a wide array of programs, including intensive in-home services, residential treatment, foster care and adoption, transitional living services, mentoring and crisis services. Youth Villages' focus on strengthening families consistently produces an 80 percent success rate of children living successfully at home or in a home-like setting two years after completing a Youth Villages program. Named one of the Top 50 Nonprofits to Work For by Nonprofit Times and Best Companies Group in 2010 and 2011, Youth Villages has been recognized by Harvard Business School and U.S. News & World Report, and recently was identified by The White House as one of the nation's most promising results-oriented nonprofit organizations.

For more information about Youth Villages, visit www.youthvillages.org.