

**Valley Youth House  
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## Aspiring Eagle Scout inspires Valley Youth House Residents

### **Scout Nathaniel Bryant chooses to help homeless teens for Eagle Project**

**May 3, 2008 – Bethlehem, Pennsylvania** - Have you ever had to stay in a homeless shelter? It can be a scary and lonely experience, especially if you are a kid. There is nothing to take your mind off of the fact that your life is in turmoil and you need some help.

Fortunately, Valley Youth House counselors are there to help with the crisis, but Scout Nathan Bryant wanted people to know others cared as well.

"The knowledge that someone cares about the individual's situation can often lead to a better, more positive mindset" says Bob Robertson, Executive Vice President of Valley Youth House. "Even a stranger showing compassion can be a catalyst for positive change".

Aspiring Eagle Scout, Nathaniel Bryant understands this. "It must be scary and lonely to be on your own" says Nathaniel "I just felt that providing some games would keep people from dwelling on their situations constantly".

Nathan's Eagle project was to collect a variety of educational and recreational games for the boys and girls of Valley Youth House. The importance of this may seem small, but many childhood education experts agree that many of these games actually promote basic reading and math skills as well as enhancing problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork and following directions. All of these are important attributes to the children and youth served by Valley Youth House.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Scout's oath, it begins: On my Honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout Law and help other people at all times."

On Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Nathan will be dropping off these games to the Valley Youth House Shelter located at 539 Eighth Avenue in Bethlehem.

"Nathan truly represents all that is good in American Youth" says Lori Reddy, the Director of the Valley Youth House Shelter "His unselfish act will positively impact the young people who reside in the shelter and let them know someone cared"

"What you will see tomorrow at the shelter is simply the youth of America helping each other" says Mac McCausland "What better way to celebrate a young man's commitment to the rank of Eagle?"

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