

# You Are Invited

## TNOYS Annual Conference Festivities

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Including Dinner, Annual Meeting and Auction  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010  
5 – 8 p.m.

**Special Screening of the Hip Hop Project**  
Including Performance by Chris “Kazi” Rolle  
Friday, August 20, 2010  
1 – 4 p.m.

**Doubletree Hotel Phoenix Ballroom**  
**Austin**



Be sure to join us for a special celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TNOYS (our “legal” birthday, that is). TNOYS was “born” in 1978, at a time when the nation was making significant policy decisions regarding runaway and homeless youth, delinquency prevention, and juvenile justice reforms, a dedicated group of Texas youth serving agencies began meeting to exchange information and share resources. They discovered the power of group advocacy and the benefits of networking on behalf of young people in high risk situations. In 1980, they formalized the relationship and incorporated as the Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS).

Our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday party will be lots of fun. Enjoy dinner on us, a live and silent auction, our TNOYS Annual Meeting and meet new members.

**Tickets—One ticket included w/each full conference registration. Additional tickets \$25 at the door.**



From Executive Producers Bruce Willis and Queen Latifah, *The Hip Hop Project*, winner of 13 film festival awards, is the compelling story of Kazi, a formerly homeless teenager who inspired a group of New York City teens to transform

their life stories into powerful works of art, using hip hop as a vehicle for self-development and personal discovery. A special screening of the film will be provided following the TNOYS Conference from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, August 20th.

Kazi challenges these young people to write music about real issues affecting their lives as they strive to overcome daunting obstacles to produce a collaborative album. Russell Simmons, hip hop mogul and long-time supporter of the project, partners with Bruce Willis to donate a recording studio to the *The Hip Hop Project*.

After four years of collaboration, the group produces a powerful and thought-provoking CD filled with moving personal narratives and sharp social commentary. Frank Scheck of the *Hollywood Reporter* calls *The Hip Hop Project* an “inspirational...compelling, uplifting tale.”

**Tickets—Youth under 21 free/Adults \$20**

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Texas Network of Youth Services at (512) 328-6860, or visit us online at [www.TNOYS.org](http://www.TNOYS.org).