



- Background** Toledo Community Venture Partners (TCVP) , a local organization developed by the Toledo Community Foundation, assists nonprofit organizations in strengthening organizational capacity and sustainability through the creative use and leverage of contributing partners' skills and resources. TCVP provides partners a unique opportunity to contribute professional know-how, financial resources and philanthropic passion to help non-profit organizations throughout Northwest Ohio. Diabetes Youth Services (DYS), was selected from a group of four finalists to receive the services and support of TCVP in 2006-2007. DYS is an independent nonprofit organization that provides educational and supportive services for young people with diabetes, their families, schools, and communities throughout Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan.
- Objective** Assist DYS to identify opportunities for improvement in their operational and financial processes along with expansion of technology tools in order to accelerate the organizations advancement in capacity building.
- Strategy** Conduct a needs assessment through interview, observation and analysis, in the key areas of operations, finance and technology in order to identify specific initiatives to facilitate capacity building. Work with Executive Directors and staff to integrate processes and tools to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness.
- Results** The following deliverables were achieved in the three key areas of Operations, Finance and Technology:
- OPERATIONS*
- Organizational Diagnostic Tool
 - Optimum Organizational Chart
 - Roles & Responsibility Ranking and Analysis
 - Functional Time Allocation Analysis
- FINANCE*
- Fundraising Assessment Tool
 - Financial Review and Recommendation for "Best Practices"
 - QuickBooks upgrade and training
- TECHNOLOGY*
- Review and Recommendation of Customer Relationship Management software
 - Financial support for data scrubbing and input to CRM software
- Information** The Toledo Community Foundation founded TCVP as a way to provide individuals a unique way to engage in a new style of philanthropy and to take an active role in their charitable giving. For more information on how to become a member of Toledo Community Venture Partnership please call 419-241-5049 or visit the TCVP link at www.toledocf.org.