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**Youth Connection of Wilmette and Depot Nuevo to Host  
Guest Bartender Night to Raise Funds for After-School Programs**

**For Immediate Distribution. February 12, 2014.** Youth Connection of Wilmette and Depot Nuevo restaurant are partnering to host a Guest Bartender Night on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The evening will be a fun way for the community to help raise funds for Youth Connection's after-school programs.

Guests are invited to drop in anytime between 5pm and 9pm to mingle at the bar or to sit down for dinner. Depot Nuevo will donate half of the evening's bar revenue to Youth Connection. In recognition of the fine weather we have been experiencing, Depot Nuevo has created a signature drink just for this event, the "Polar Vortex."

"I love what the Executive Director of Youth Connection, Karen Funari, has done for Wilmette families running free after-school programs at Highcrest Middle School and Wilmette Junior High," says Ann Garrison, Depot Nuevo owner. "My husband, Rob, and I are happy to support Youth Connection and we invite the Wilmette community to stop in and have a drink to support this great organization."

Mike Mulligan will serve as "Guest Bartender" of the evening. Mike is an award-winning sports journalist for Chicago Sun Times and Tribune, ESPN, and WSCR-670 The Score. Also stopping by to mingle with the crowd will be local personalities Ray Lechner (District 39 Superintendent), Chris Karabas (owner of The Rock House), and Dave Palzet (Principal of Highcrest Middle School and Wilmette Junior High School).

Depot Nuevo (1139 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette) offers a melding of Latin American sights and flavors and has full bar complete with libations such as margaritas and mojitos made with freshly squeezed juices. MediaPlanet named the Depot Nuevo bar in USA Today as one of the Top 25 Tequila Bars in America.

Youth Connection is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides after-school programs to Wilmette-area 5th-8th graders during a critical period of growth in their lives. Programs include the RAD and DEN drop-in centers, the YC Theatre Experience, Battle of the Bands, Digital Music Recording Club, Art Club, and Homework Club. Youth Connection makes sure that children who are not signed up for structured activities have a safe, secure, positive place to go.

For more information about the Guest Bartender Night, contact Bill Perkins at [bvmperkins@comcast.net](mailto:bvmperkins@comcast.net) or go to [www.youthconnectionwilmette.org](http://www.youthconnectionwilmette.org).