

We are strong
Community
Student leaders
Striving to learn so
many
team
building skills,
meeting
other
Leaders,
Growing
with what
we've learned
and took in.
Valuing
a healthy
drug
free life.
Making
good
choices
in our
lives.

TEEN institute



2014

We
will
bring
back what
we learned
here at teen
institute and share
it with other teens
in our community.
Not only that
but among
our high
school
peers.

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2014

Focus On Community.

June 18-21, 2014

Ideas by all members of the Teen Peer Program.

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- Justin

Thank
you
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- Melvin

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you

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Thank you so much
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us so we could have
an amazing time here!
~ Angelina ♥

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- Erin

Thank
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- Gabrielle

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- Kaitlyn

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- Liz

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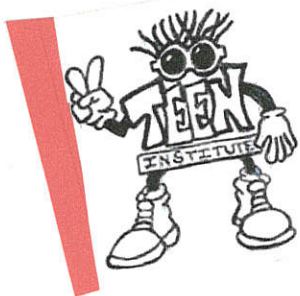
What: Teen Institute is a four day, three night leadership retreat. It is geared towards helping the young leaders of our community meet other youth with passion to be involved. The retreat consists of several workshops that cover issues like diversity, substance abuse prevention and personal development skills. Included with this are a wide array of team building initiatives, free activity time, camp fires, and night hikes.

Why: The Teen Peers see that the Racine community has many great young leaders, therefore wanting to enhance their skills to become great members of our community.

SERVICES

PROVIDED

- The teen peers worked towards creating workshops, such as, substance abuse prevention and storytelling. The workshops also ranged from Reality Circles to media influences, workshops to enhance the knowledge of our young leaders.



The Importance of Our Issue



Teen Institute was founded on the idea that the young leaders of Racine County would come and learn, share creative ways to build peer support networks against the problems facing teens today.

It was important to our group because of the outcry of problems young people are facing, such as drug abuse, bullying and others. The teen peers know that we have many great young people and we want to train those youth to be role models to their peers.



Prevent

Through this project the Teen Peers learned the challenges and obstacles it took to not only plan a conference, but the effects it had on the youth of our community.

Teen Institute was a great learning experience not only for the participants but for the teen peers. The new and innovative workshops allowed us to better understand our community needs and how we as youth should assist in every way.

Educate

Advocate

"If people grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Inform

"For a community
to be whole and healthy,
it must be based on
people's love and concern for
each other."
- Millard Fuller

"The youth is the
hope of our
future"

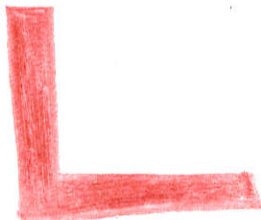
- Jose Rizal

The Racine community is evolving everyday into the city for our future youth. The Teen Peers learned that the Racine community cares so much about our young people that they go above and beyond for them. We also learned that our youth care about their community and want to see it progress into an evermore growing city. Youth are the future of tomorrow, and they will help the Racine community grow.



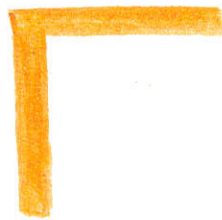
Through completing this project, we believe that this year was our best year yet. Our recruitment was at an all time high. Out of the 40 students who attended Teen Institute, half have returned back to Focus On Community and are now involved. We are proud to say that these young leaders are part of Focus and will continue to be part all through their high school career.

What also went well is the fact that we focused more on creating workshops that would enhance the knowledge of our youth and their leadership skills.



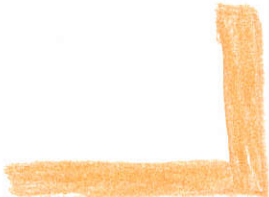
"Working together to make a better future, was the best part about the retreat"

- Anthony Ramirez



As youth, we still have many obstacles and challenges to overcome in life. Especially when it came to creating this county wide retreat that focused on youth leaders. Some obstacles/roadblocks that we faced were trying to obtain funding, looking for creative ways to advertise Teen Institute and finding a place where we knew teens would bond and at the same time have time to release their inner them.

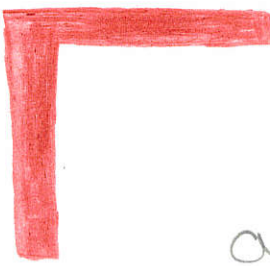
Though we faced many obstacles, with the generous support of the Focus staff and wonderful donors we were able to create a wonderful experience for the youth of Racine.



The most challenging part of our project was hoping there would be enough funding for all 40 students to attend, and not turn away anyone. At the end, we had to turn away a couple students, but promised that if they signed up again next year they were guaranteed a spot.

The best part of our project was to see all the youth have such a passion to help their community, that they take time out of their schedules to attend a conference in which they will enhance their leadership skills.

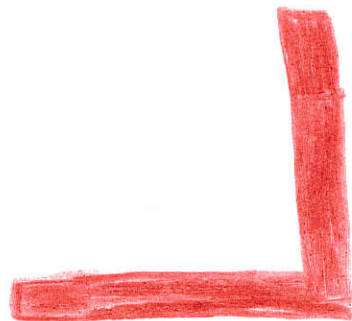
"Teen Institute was an amazing experience. I gained tremendous knowledge, and I will be able to take this back and implement this in my school." Theresa Barreto



If we were to do this project again we would definitely look at sites where youth could interact more and be able to share ideas, we would also look at creating workshops that would go deeper into what the problems of Racine are, and how they can help fix them.

We would focus on more governmental issues, health issues and issues involving our world. we would keep the same workshops we currently have, we would keep the same activities and hopefully the same staff.

"I Love
TEEN Institute"
- Erin McGraw

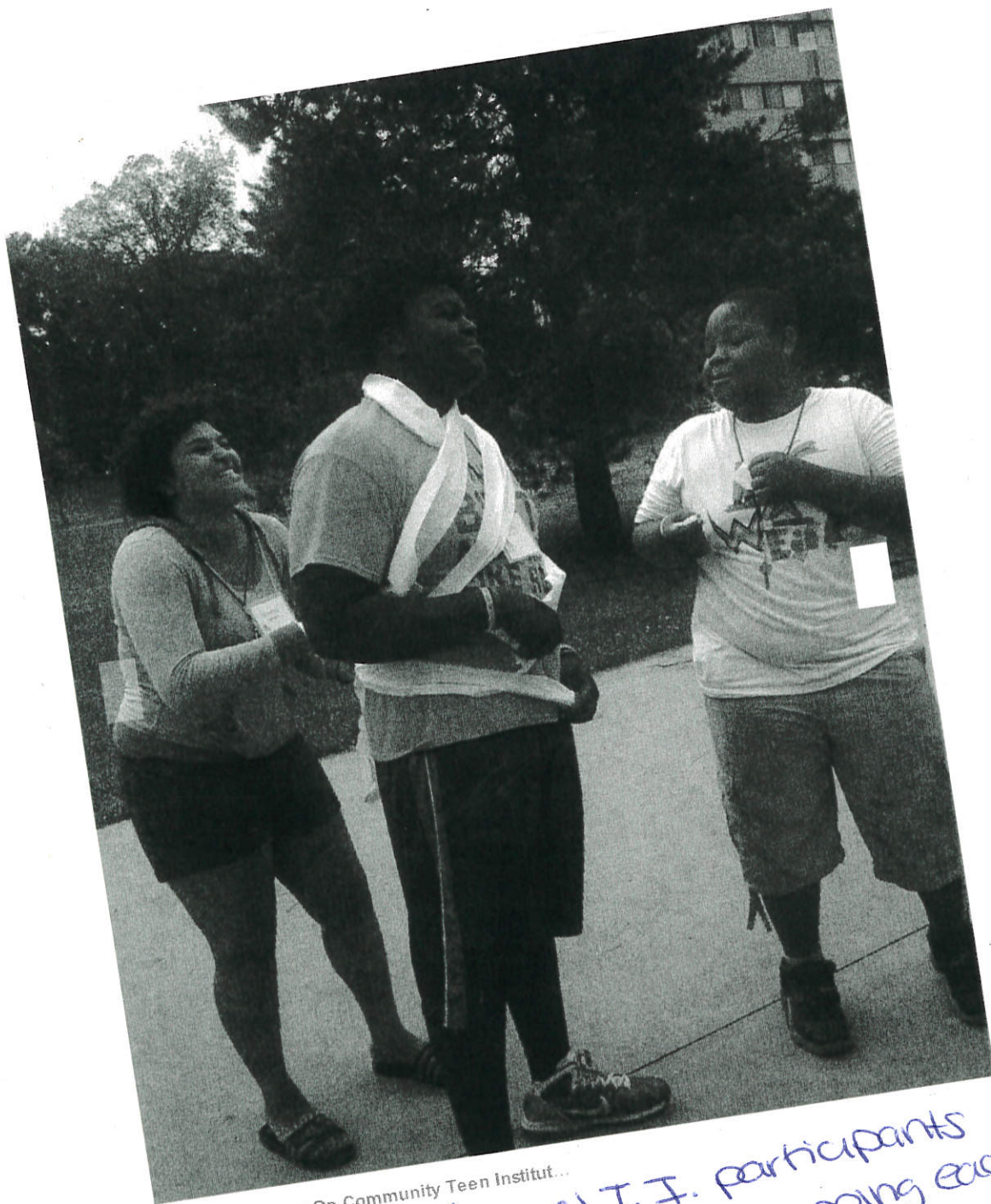




Photos of Focus On Community Teen Institute 2014

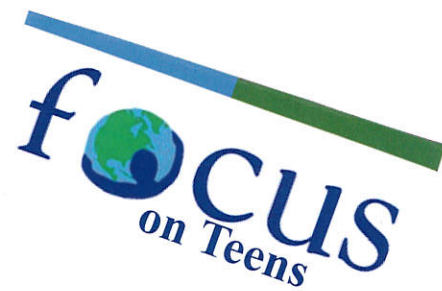
(above) Students listening to Kayleen Kinsley. She is the Transform Coordinator for Focus on Community, she is talking about Tobacco.





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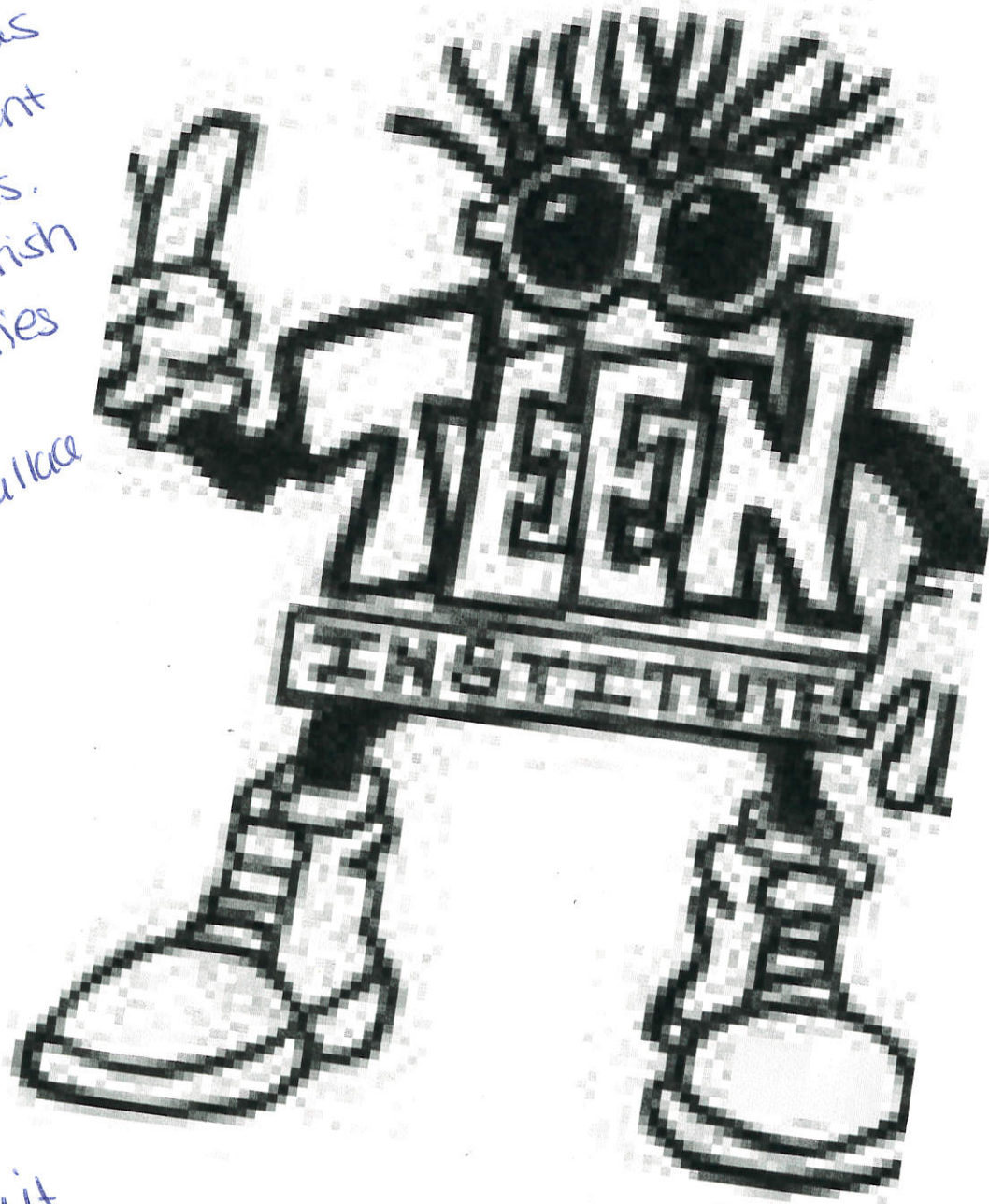
(above) T.I. participants having fun wrapping each other in toilet paper during one of the team building activities.



"Teen Institute was
the best retreat I have ever
been to."

-marvin Velasquez

"I made so
many friends
from different
high schools.
I will cherish
these memories
forever"
- Kara Wallace



"I can say
that Teen
Institute made
me a better
person."

- Aubrey
Anderson

"I can't wait
to start working
for Fous; to be able
to help those in need"
- Abbel Anderson

"... I gained leadership
skills, learned about college
and made a ton of
friends" -marisela Romero

Thank

YOU

Y.A.R! 

Thank you

for ☺



- Gabriella Gonzales

Thank you for
making this trip
possible. I had a
wonderful experience
- Regina

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for providing the
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- Samantha
A.

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- Lizzie

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for donating
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~~- David D. Jones~~

- Uriel Ramirez

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