

THE TRUMPET'S BLARE

A Project Jericho Newsletter (April-June 2010)



Project Jericho changes lives through positive in-depth arts experiences for at-risk youth and families

The Art of Community

The Project Jericho youth have done it again! This year's **Summer Arts Camp** was an impressive and honest display of art and talent from 41 PJ teens. The camp theme, "Telling our Stories, Shaping our Lives" was brought to life by the campers through three different art forms; dance, visual art, and performance poetry. Each focus group was led by a professional artist. JC Harris led the dance group, Deb Housh the visual art, and Project Jericho's Beth Dixon took on the writing and performance group. There were also other forms of art that every camper got to try out throughout the week. In the afternoons they traded off learning step dancing from LaJuan Lane and book making from Sarah and Eliza. Each participant also got a rare opportunity to tell their story in a unique way. Project Jericho's Scott Dawson recorded the stories of every youth in the camp in the ways they wanted to tell them; some were poems, others simple lines, and still others stories. All of these stories were compiled into one recording and will be broadcast on WYSO public radio. The final performance combined all of these pieces into a 30-minute show at the Kuss Auditorium to a crowd of community members, friends, and families. Thank you to everyone who made this year's camp possible!

"TELLING OUR STORIES, SHAPING OUR LIVES"



GROWING ART THE COMMUNITY GARTEN



In the month of May Project Jericho joined forces with Habitat for Humanity and the Wittenberg University Community Service Department to create a community garden for the Grand Avenue South neighborhood. The garden is located on the corner of Rice and Linden and is several hundred square feet. Many hands went into making this garden a reality including 2 professional artists and over 30 youth and volunteers. The students painted a beautiful fence to encircle the garden and a sign. They also built and painted two picnic tables, complete with checker boards for community use. During the process students and volunteers also spent time reflecting on the garden and what it means to grow a community. Their thoughts and poems were compiled into a book of poetry that was distributed throughout the community. The entrance to the garden is a natural wood arbor made from reclaimed sycamore branches, a project led by Allison Paul. The arbor was then erected by the students and bedecked with handmade clay ornaments formed and painted by youth inside of detention. The effort that went into this garden was incredible and has paid off as now the garden is thriving in lush green beauty in our community. Stop down for a visit anytime and see the wonderful things that art is growing in Springfield!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADDITIONS, NICOLE & JOEL!

Hi! I'm Nicole Clem and I'll be stepping into Sarah's footsteps as the Community Outreach and Education Specialist. When I first worked with Project Jericho I knew that this program was unlike any other I'd worked with. After graduating from Wittenberg in 2008 I moved to New Orleans to do hurricane relief work for a year, but I never forgot about Springfield or Project Jericho. I am passionate about reaching out to kids and encouraging them to pursue positive experiences. I'm excited to start my new position and to get more involved with the community of Springfield. Feel free to stop by the office and say hi, I can't wait to meet all of you!



Hi! My name is Joel Shear. I will be taking over for Eliza as the Community Outreach and Education Assistant. I have been involved in the arts for quite some time and consider myself a Jack-of-all-Arts. I am really excited to start working with all you talented kids, artists, and volunteers! Stop by and see me!

A BIG THANK YOU TO PANERA BREAD FOR DONATING FOOD TO OUR PROGRAMS PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY BUSINESS!



And keep your eyes open for a PJ benefit night this fall at the Bechtle location.

PROJECT JERICH0 PROGRAMS START AT THE END OF AUGUST, WATCH THE MAILBOX FOR INFO ON OUR KICK-OFF MEETING!



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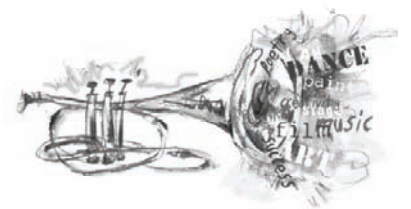
PJ IN HD SUICIDE PREVENTION PSA

Project Jericho teens spent one week this April learning how to make a Public Service Announcement. The PSA project was brought to us by the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark County. The Clark County Suicide Prevention Coalition wanted to make a PSA that would draw attention to the importance of suicide prevention, and Project Jericho wanted to help! After the students learned some important facts about suicide prevention they set out in teams of 3-4 to film a PSA completely created, scripted, acted, and filmed by them. Scott Dawson led all the teens in this project teaching them the intricacies of film and editing. Finally the videos were shown for a live audience, each of them receiving positive reactions. Everyone was impressed with the work and effort the students put into their task and one group was selected as a winner. The winning group received handheld video cameras as a prize. Great work to all you filmmakers out there! You are all certainly helping our community become a better and safer place.

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FINDING A GOOD PATH

Care-It's for Kids is a Springfield 501c3 non-profit organization that is solely funded through the support of Jeff Wyler and the Annual Jeff Wyler Charity Invitational golf tournament. In cooperation with Judge Joseph Monnin and Juvenile Court officers, the Care-It's for Kids organization has been offering rewards and incentives to court involved youth for nearly a decade.

As a Thank You to Mr. Wyler for his commitment and support of the Care-It's for Kids program, beginning June 23 detained youth at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center started work, alongside court and detention staff, to create four large painted wall murals that will be permanently placed at Jeff Wyler's Springfield Auto Dealership. Under the direction of Project Jericho artist, Sherry Ringler, the project entitled "In Search of a Better Place" was created on 90 feet of reverse glass panels using a technique called pointillism - a style of painting in which a picture is constructed from dots.

The piece is a series of long panels each depicting a path through a season in the woods. Around the outside of the panels are inspirational quotes about following a path to success. The artwork was unveiled and presented to Mr. Wyler and the Care-It's for Kids members at a public ceremony attended by many community members and covered by the local news, July 16 at the Jeff Wyler Dealership.



A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION DIRECTOR...

This newsletter focuses on the "Art of Community" featuring Project Jericho's contribution to the community, but this goes both ways. The community has given so much to Project Jericho over the last several years. Project Jericho has not been immune to the current economic downturn our nation faces, and it has been the community that has stepped up to help us fill some of the gaps. Volunteers have been coming out in droves to help ensure the quality of the arts experience and that we are able to serve high numbers. Community focused businesses such as PANERA have donated valuable snacks and even meals to Project Jericho families and youth to allow us to pour our resources into programming. Please support PANERA and thank them for their contribution to Project Jericho. Organizations such as the Clark County Mental Health and Recovery Board and Clark County Suicide Prevention Coalition stepped forward to collaborate and contribute funding for Project Jericho to produce Public Service Announcements that address the important subject of suicide prevention. The equipment purchased during that project is now able to be used by Project Jericho for future film projects that will in turn give back to the community. These are just a couple of the highlights. Thank you to all the businesses, organizations, and people who give so much to Project Jericho. You continue to prove that the most valuable resource is people.

The future is looking BRIGHT, and it's not just because of the sunny weather we are having. A large group of Project Jericho youth got to meet Nicole Clem and Joel Shear during the 2010 Project Jericho Summer Arts Camp. Nicole is the new Community Outreach and Education Specialist and Joel is the new Community Outreach and Education Assistant. Both are very excited to start working with and getting to know YOU! I look forward to what these two dynamic individuals will bring to Project Jericho, and I know you will love working with both of them.

Project Jericho will continue to celebrate the "Art of Community!"

