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Safe City Youth Leadership Team Newsletter

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Youth Summit Success!

Congrats to the Safe City Youth Leadership Team for putting on our 15th Annual Youth Summit this last April. It was amazing! Our theme was "Dare to be a Leader! Are you up for the Challenge?"

Mayor John Hickenlooper started off the day by motivating youth to be involved in their community and to use their voice! The workshops were interactive and it got youth excited to discuss issues they face in their community and schools. Youth were given the chance to address local officials with concerns, ideas, and questions they have regarding issues related to youth. We had over 500 youth attend the conference from the Metro Denver area.



above: Mayor John Hickenlooper and SCYLT Team

The Safe City Youth Leadership Team (SCYLT) is a group of youth from the Denver area dedicated to improving the community. The SCYLT is involved in community & volunteer projects, peer mentoring, leadership training and organizing the annual youth summit.

Safe City Youth Leadership Team New Members

The Safe City Youth Leadership Team would like to recognize their new members and welcome them to the Safe City family!

We would like to first introduce Adil Alrubayee. He is a junior at South High School. Adil is from Iraq and has been here for about a year. His favorite color is white and he has a passion for eating pizza. In Adil's free time he enjoys playing baseball and soccer. "Being on the Safe City Team has really prepared me for the

future," says Adil.

Next we would like to introduce Artie Baca. He is a sophomore at West High School. His favorite color is black and he loves eating sushi. When it comes to his spare time, Artie is a wiz at the piano. He recently preformed at Safe City's 15th Annual Safe City Youth Summit for over 500 youth and blew everyone's socks off with his sweet skills. Artie says that being on the team has made him a better leader.

Our last but certainly not least new addition to the team is Treyvon McLaughlin. He is a sophomore at Overland High School. He is the cousin of our very own Delaine and Dasharra Ross. Treyvon's favorite color is red and his favorite food is Mexican food. In his free time Treyvon enjoys playing football and basketball. To Treyvon, the Safe City Team has helped him become a better leader.

-Emma Olan

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark." - Michelangelo

Most Outstanding Person on the SCYLT!

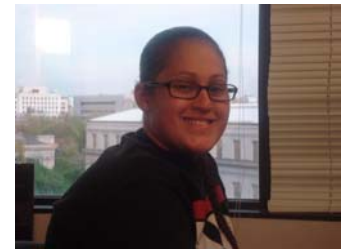
"Emma Olan"

Emma Olan was hired on to the Safe City youth leadership team in Feb. 09. Since she has been on the team she has totally awed the team with her ability to step up and show true leadership. She loves the diversity of our group and loves how each and everyone of the members is unique in their own ways! Emma herself is

a unique individual who enjoy smiling, dancing and cracking jokes.

"I'll do anything for a good laugh," she says. The Safe City Youth Leadership Team (SCYLT) has helped her improve her work ethics and her life skills. Emma has also built better leadership skills and she hopes it's a trait that she can pass down to others in the future.

-Samantha Corpuz



Emma Olan at the office.

Fundraising

The Safe City Youth Leadership Team likes to work hard have fun and make a difference in our community. In order to accomplish this we need to have funds that allows us to do team building and action projects.

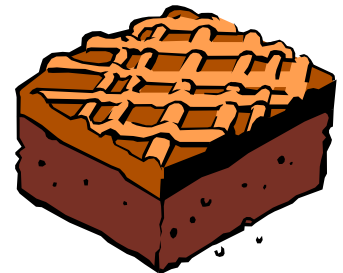
As you know we are currently in a tough economy so we want to do whatever we can to raise enough money for our team building activities and community projects. As a way

to raise money, the SCYLT is holding a bake sale.

The bake sale will be held on June 12th 2009 at the Wellington Webb Building which is located at 201 W. Colfax St.

So if you want to show the Safe City Team some support come on down and get some goodies or if you would like to donate to the team please call 720-913-4637.

-Emma Olan



Community Projects

Easter Baskets

Over Spring Break the Safe City Team stuffed Easter baskets for abused and neglected children that are involved with the Department of Human Services. We had a great time because we knew it was for a good cause.

Total Long Term Care

At total long term care we played games, and made crafts, and we helped serve food for the elderly. A few games and crafts we participated in was creating a octopus, a heart for valentines day, and their all time favorite BINGO! We had a magnificent time with the elderly, it also helped us build up on our communication skills, because not everyone communicated the same way.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Sunny skies started off the parade with bang. The team walked in the parade and handed out candy to kids along the route. We assisted the parade committee with this task. It was a great experience for the team to be involved in this fun event!

-Josue Loma



St. Patrick's Day Parade
2009

Class of 2009 says "Goodbye"

To all those High School starters, don't get sucked up in fantasy versus reality because life is what you make out of it NOT what others decided to do with it. I took my chances, made my own decisions. Hated by many loved by few, Because I am who I am thanks to my determination for success. Denise Escobedo is my name I am a senior at The Denver School of Science and Technology. Shout out to the entire SCYLT for being awesome at

what they do, and making every Tuesday a new exiting experience.

Shout out to Theresa Kimmet, Sue Murley, and Tiffany Vu for being great role models and advocates.

-Denise Escobedo

" My time at Safe City has been a fun experience that I will take with me for the rest of my life."

- DeLaine Ross

"It doesn't matter how long you work, it matters how much value you bring to each hour!"

-Micah Curtis

"Safe City made a difference in my life that can never be undone and gave me experience that will never be taken away."

-Chamone Patrick

"I didn't do it for nothing"

-Jennifer Butler

Cisco Gallardo - Youth Summit Keynote Speaker

Francisco "Cisco" Gallardo, a former gang member of one the biggest gangs in Denver, is now a compassionate husband and father. Cisco speaks to youth about the destruction of gangs and the violence involved.

Being raised in the barrio of North Denver, Cisco found himself spending most of the time with his friends from the hood. Time progressed and so

did the rivalry between Denver neighborhoods.

After losing his friends to violence and death, Cisco soon realized that it was time to change and regain control of his life.

Cisco is now the Program Coordinator of Gang Rescue and Support Project (GRASP) determined to teach and redefine the true meaning of respect, power, and pride.

-Emma Olan

Safe City Youth Leadership Team would like to give a shout out to Cisco for being the Keynote Speaker for our 15th Annual Youth Summit.

Awesome job Cisco!!!



Francisco "Cisco"
Gallardo

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My Green City

In recent years, the community of Middle and Early College High Schools in our country has grown rapidly. Each year, representatives from each school gather in one place with a common goal. Students of Denver's own CEC Middle College and Southwest Early College spent the last eight months striving to make this year's "My Green City" conference successful. On Wednesday, April 29th, CEC kicked off this conference with a "Green Fair" to educate its students and community on going green at home and in their career. As 300+ students and teachers began to arrive from urban areas across the U.S. such as New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, the participants made their way to the Mile High Club at Invesco Field. There they ate dinner and heard from inspiring speakers such as Michael Barney of Denver Parks and Recreation and Johnny 5 of the Flobots. The week made a smooth transition the following day to the YMCA at Estes Park where the youth and adults alike hiked, socialized, brought out their creative side through designing spirit flags and some even saw snow fall for the first time.



However, the most inspiring part of this conference was seeing the various projects that students had carried out in their own communities. From reusing clothes by sending them to Africa, to creating an "Army of Green", we proved that youth can make a huge impact. For more information on this year's conference, please visit: ourmcnc.com For more info on CEC Middle College, please visit: dosomethingreal.com To see how green you are, please visit: <http://www.zerofootprint.net>

Simple tips on being "green"

- Buy clothes from thrift stores or trade with friends
- Donate clothes and other items to thrift stores
- Turn everything off when you leave a room or when it is not in use
- Unplug electronics not needed



- Instead of driving, carpool, take the bus or ride your bike
- Clean out your car! The more weight, the more gas you use
- More and more public places are getting recycling bins, so use them!
- Instead of buying a plastic water bottle every day, get a reusable bottle
- Go vegetarian once a week; the way meat is raised and transported is harmful to the environment
- Buy Fair Trade and Organic
- Educate yourself and others!

