



# Visionaries

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## Teen Advisory Panel Creates Video PSA

This fall, eight of Project: VISION's high school students came together to form the Teen Advisory Panel, a subcommittee of The Coalition for Asian Substance Abuse Prevention. The goal of the panel was to create a media advocacy piece that would help spread awareness and promote an anti-tobacco message to the community, especially to their peers and other community youth.

With the help of the Asian Health Coalition's Substance Abuse Prevention Program staff, our students began the project by learning about the tobacco problem, including tobacco use statistics and health consequences of tobacco use. Students then researched our own community's tobacco problem and even interviewed smokers to understand reasons smokers use tobacco as well as why they find it difficult to quit.

Using this information and after a group brainstorm, the team decided to create a video PSA to help educate their fellow youth. Panel members then spent several weeks developing a concept, planning, writing, and producing the video. The group's finished product, titled "Hide and Seek: When Will Smoking Catch up to You?", can be viewed on YouTube at this link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt8kGZDGG2g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt8kGZDGG2g). Check out their impressive work and feel free to repost!

All in all, the team achieved success! Students had fun and learned a lot. One student said he was "grateful for the opportunity

And, look for the Teen Advisory Panel to be back with another project in the spring!



## 4th Annual Fall Soiree & Silent Auction

Project: VISION had a successful fundraiser in October, with record attendance of over 70 guests at the event! Thank you to all of our guests, sponsors, and volunteers who made this event possible! The event raised almost \$5000 for our programs!



to help the community," and another said she was glad to be a part of this project because "tobacco use is such a large problem in our community."

Finally, thank you to the Asian Health Coalition for bringing this program to our students!



## Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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## Tutor Spotlight

**Project: VISION welcomed several new tutors to our team this Fall. David Wu is one of them, and we're lucky to have him join us!**

David has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Iowa State University and is currently studying for his Masters degree in the same field at the University of Illinois at Chicago. David is most excited about tutoring in math and sciences, and hopes to help students recognize their own abilities in doing their best and to facilitate personal growth.



David tutors Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm at the Center. Come by and meet him!

## Upcoming Events

### Hustle up the Hancock

February 26, 2012

Join us to volunteer at the Hustle Up The Hancock event to benefit the Respiratory Health Association in their mission to fight lung disease!

### Gift Wrapping Fundraiser!

December 17-24th

Help Project: VISION raise funds by gift wrapping at Barnes & Nobles bookstores this holiday season! See Michelle for the shift schedule and to sign up!

The Youth Center will be closed on the following dates:

Winter Break: December 21st-January 8th  
The Center reopens on Monday, January 9th

Sign up for any program online at:  
[www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html](http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html)

*Don't forget to sign up for gift wrapping!*



Help Project: VISION raise funds for the new year by gift wrapping at Barnes & Nobles and Banana Republic stores! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so we need your help!

Go to our website for a complete list of available shifts and sign up!

<http://projectvisionchicago.org/fundraising.html>

*Happy Holidays!*