



Visionaries

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Project: Youth Health Initiative

Over the last few months, Project: VISION students have been hard at work for Project: Youth Health Initiative and making a difference! Made possible by the State Farm Good Neighbors Grant, Project: VISION lead fifteen youth in a service learning project with a goal to raise awareness about health issues.

During the first three weeks of the program, youth were introduced to health issues including heart health, cancer, and also those especially prevalent in the Asian American community including diabetes and mental health issues. With the help of health professionals and medical students from Northwestern University and University of Illinois at Chicago,



Students doing online research

students learned about the importance of prevention, screening, and healthy lifestyles.

Using what they learned, students quickly got to work to educate the rest of the community.

Students produced flyers about health issues such as diabetes testing, breast cancer screening, and the dangers of smoking and passed them out to 250 community residents.

In the culminating service project, youth held a Community Health Fair for Global Youth Ser-



Group at work designing flyers

vice Day at the Chinatown Square. Youth led the entire project, from the planning phase to the creation of posters and literature passed out to community residents.

Over the course of the morning, youth reached over forty community residents, from senior citizens to young adults, who



Designing posters for the fair

browsed posters with information about topics such heart health, cancer screening, nutrition & exercise, and diabetes. With help from our medical student volunteers, youth also provided free blood



Visitors browsing informational posters

pressure checks, BMI measurements, and diabetes screening. All in all, the Community Health Fair was a big success and a positive experience for youth! The gratitude we got from many of the patients was enough to show that our service did make a difference!



Students giving free screening tests

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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Upcoming 7th Annual Bowl-a-thon

The Bowl-a-thon was Project: VISION's first major fundraising event in 2004, and this year marks its seventh year! This year's event will be held on Sunday June 13th 2p-4p at the UIC Student Games & Bowling Center. It is not too late to sign up as a bowler, so come join us for a fun afternoon of bowling, food, and raffles!



Board, staff, & volunteers at the 6th Annual Project: VISION Bowl-a-thon

Our fundraising goal is \$6000, so we will need your support! We are asking that each bowler raise

at least \$50 for Project: VISION. Proceeds from the event will help us upgrade the computer equipment at the Youth Center and keep our summer and fall programs running.

To sign up to bowl, please contact Erin Shanahan via email at projectvision2003@yahoo.com. If you cannot attend the event but would still like to support Project: VISION, you may donate via our website at www.projectvisionchicago.org/donate.html. We hope to see you all there!



PV supporters at last years Bowl-a-thon

Upcoming Events

7th Annual Project: VISION Bowl-a-thon

Sunday June 13th, 2-4pm

UIC Student Games & Bowling Ctr

@ 750 S. Halsted St., Chicago

Come join Project: VISION volunteers, supporters, and students to help us fundraise in support of your youth programs! Please email us to sign up as a bowler.

Project: VISION Summer Programs

Dates/Times TBA

Join us this summer for a 6-week program of service learning, field trips, and photography workshops! Email us for details or talk to Alex during regular Youth Center hours.



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